

# Neutrinoless Double-Beta Decay

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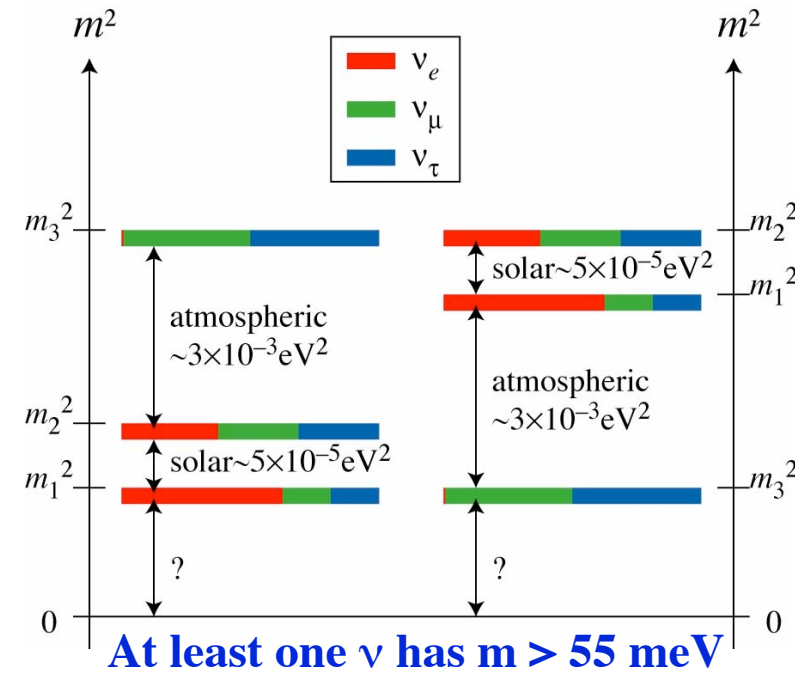
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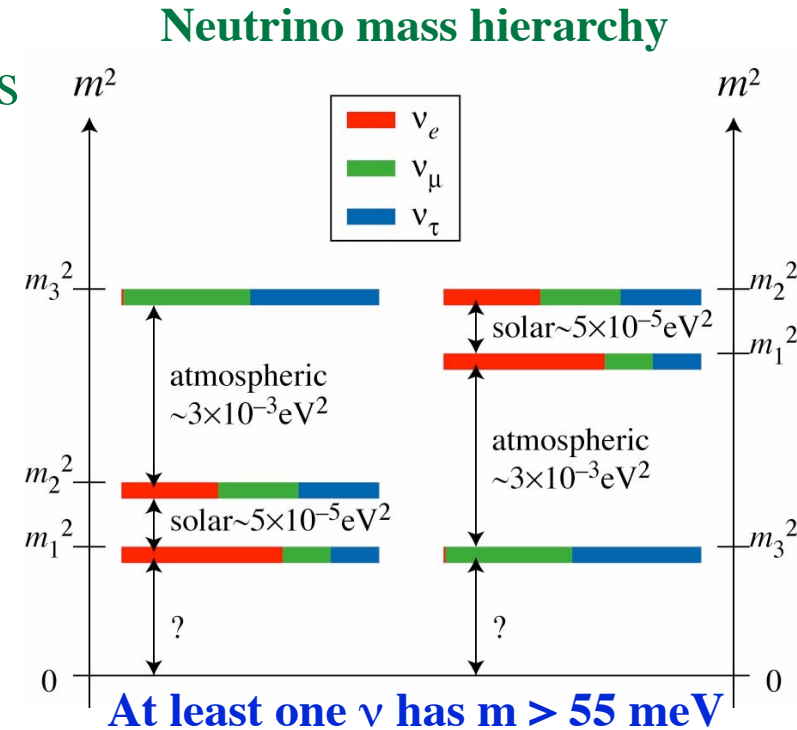
## Neutrino mass hierarchy





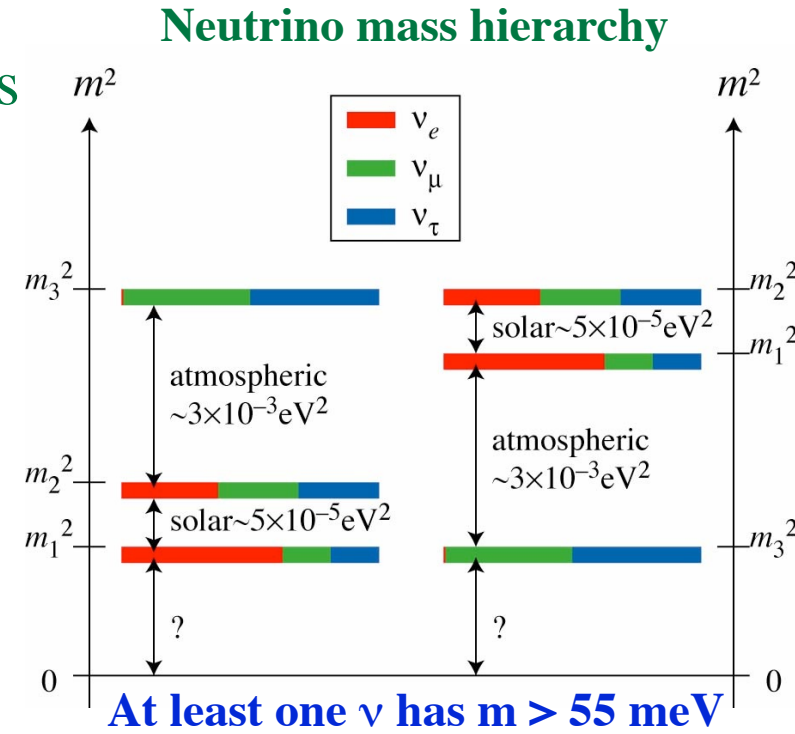
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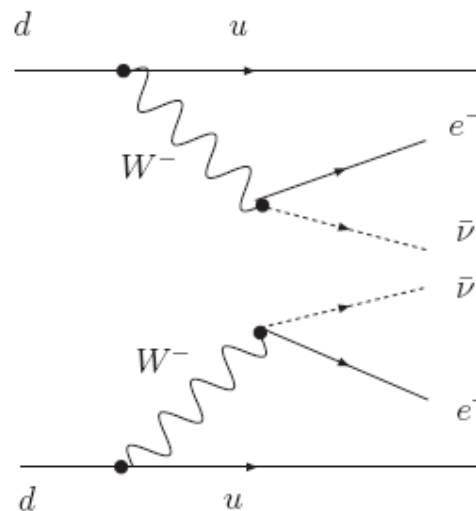
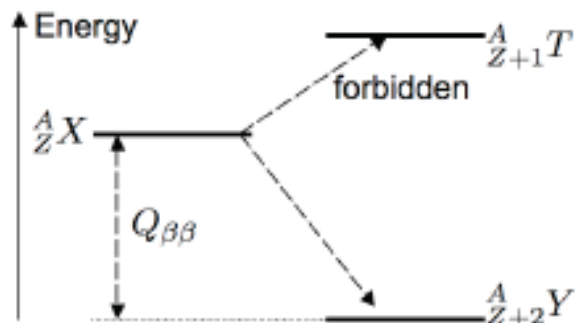
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- Open questions in  $\nu$  Physics:
  - How many neutrinos?
    - ☞ Sterile neutrinos ?
  - What is absolute scale of  $\nu$  mass ?
  - How are masses arranged ?
  - Are neutrinos responsible for matter-antimatter asymmetry ?
  - Majorana or Dirac neutrinos ?
  - Is Lepton Number conserved ?



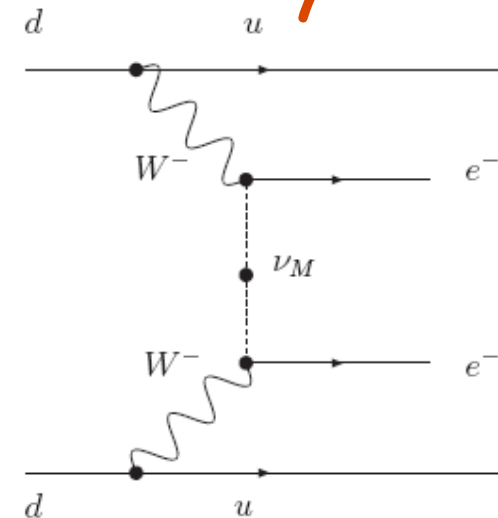
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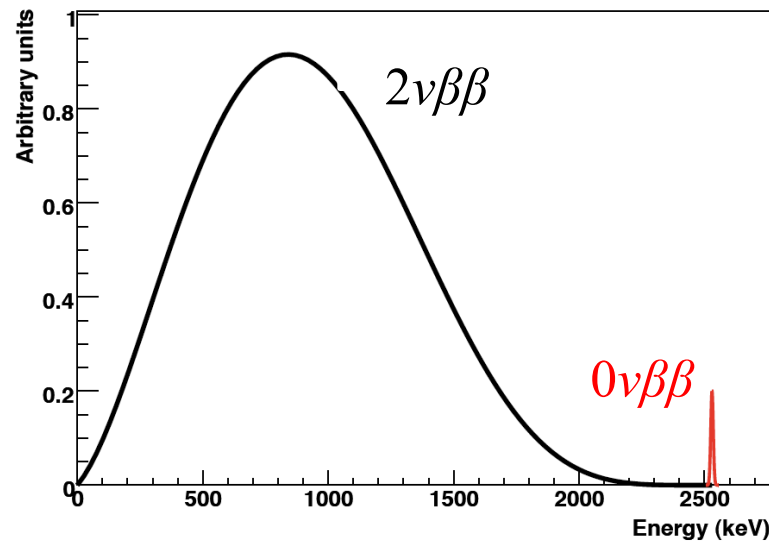
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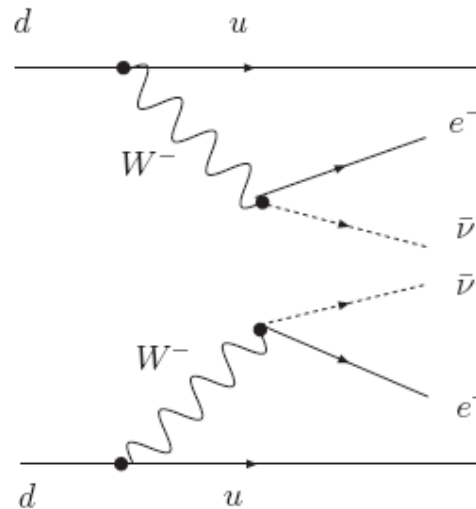
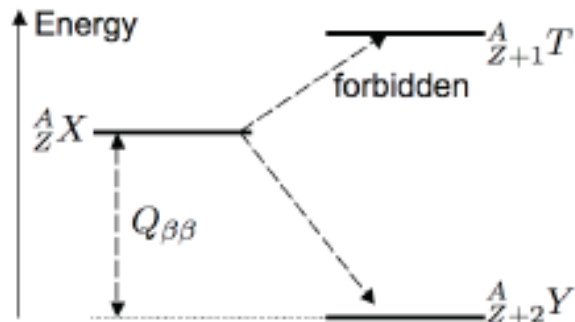
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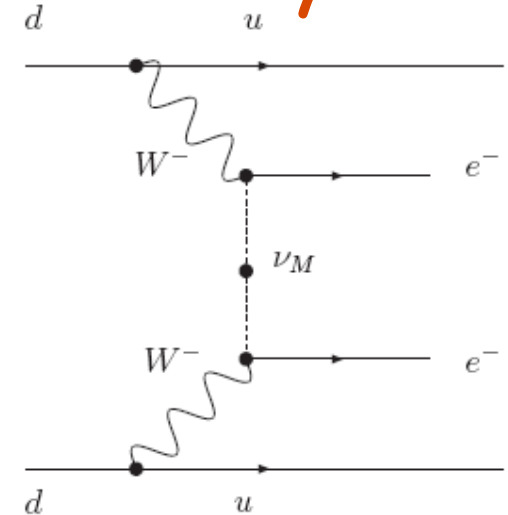
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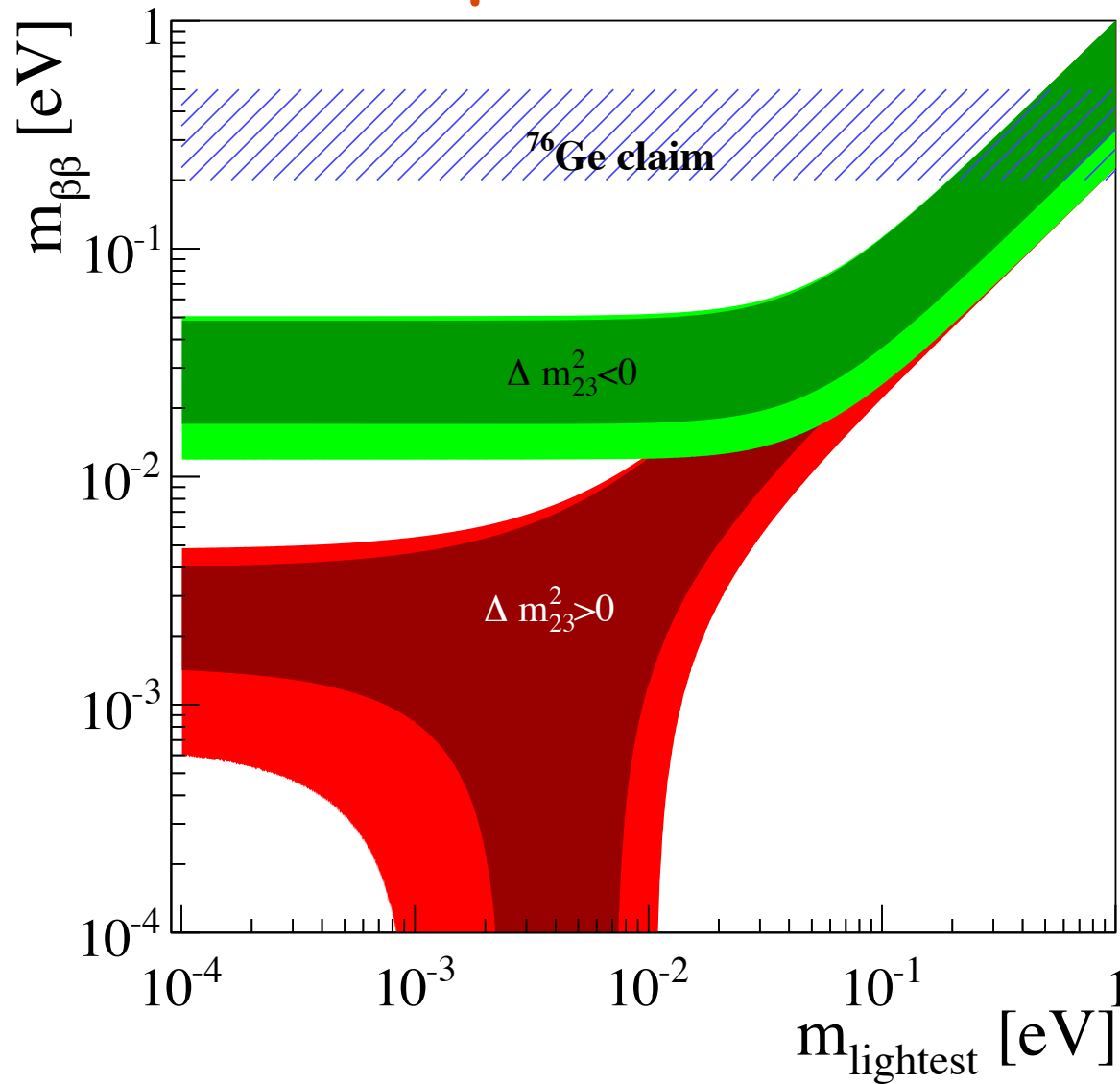


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- Observation of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  would mean
  - ❑ Lepton number violation
  - ❑ Neutrinos are Majorana particles
  - ❑ Rate measures (effective) electron neutrino mass

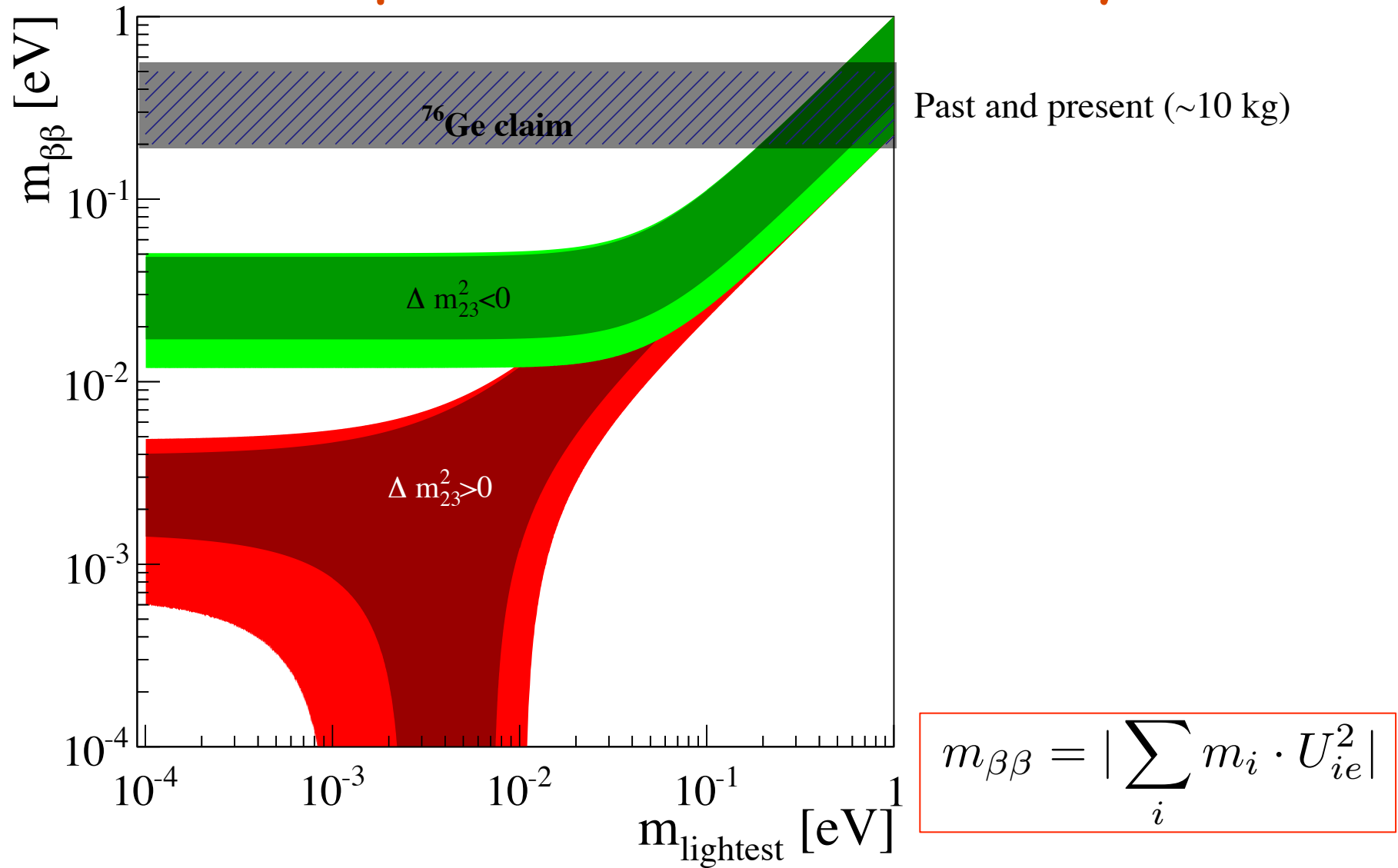
$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum_i m_i \cdot U_{ie}^2 \right|$$

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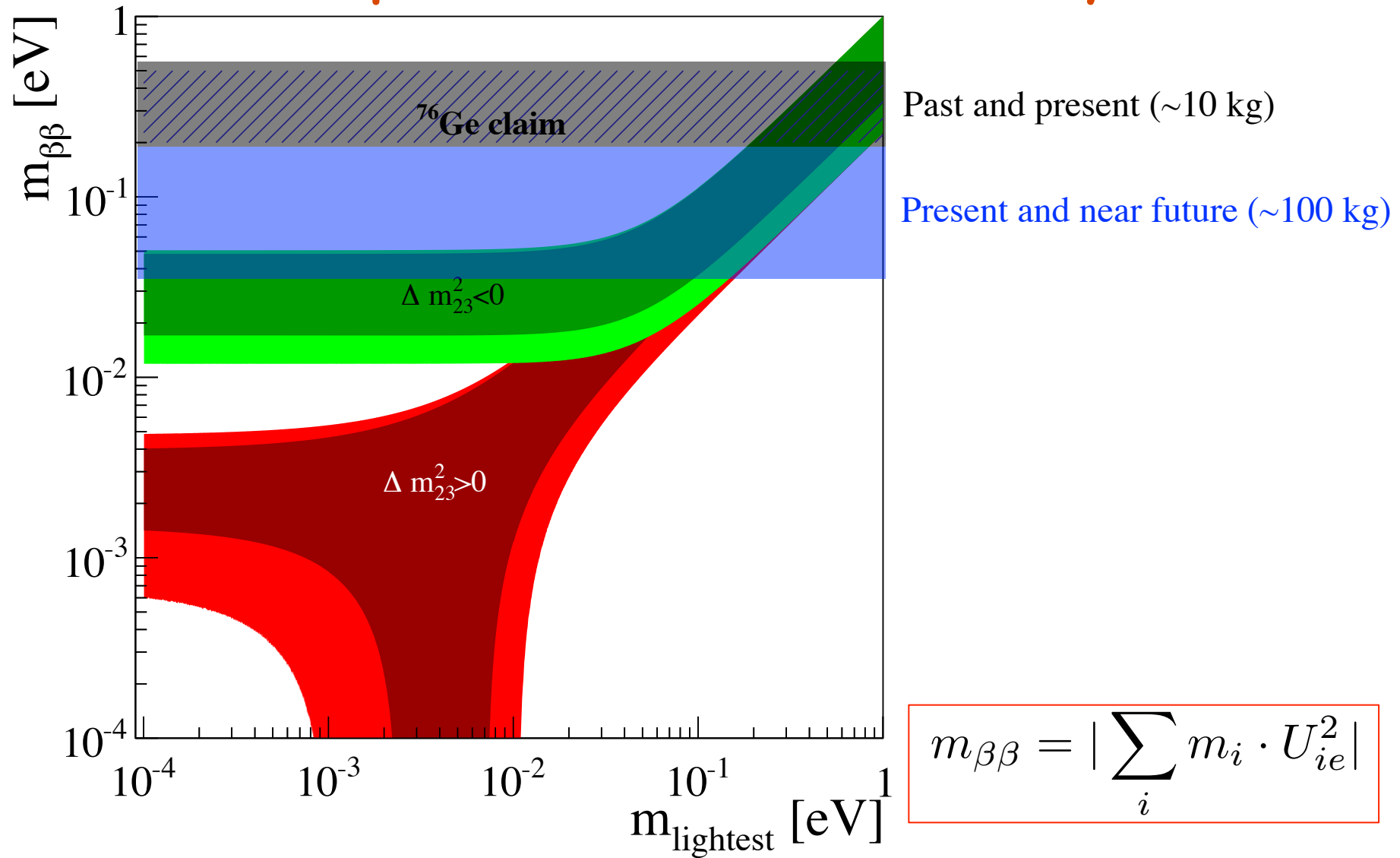


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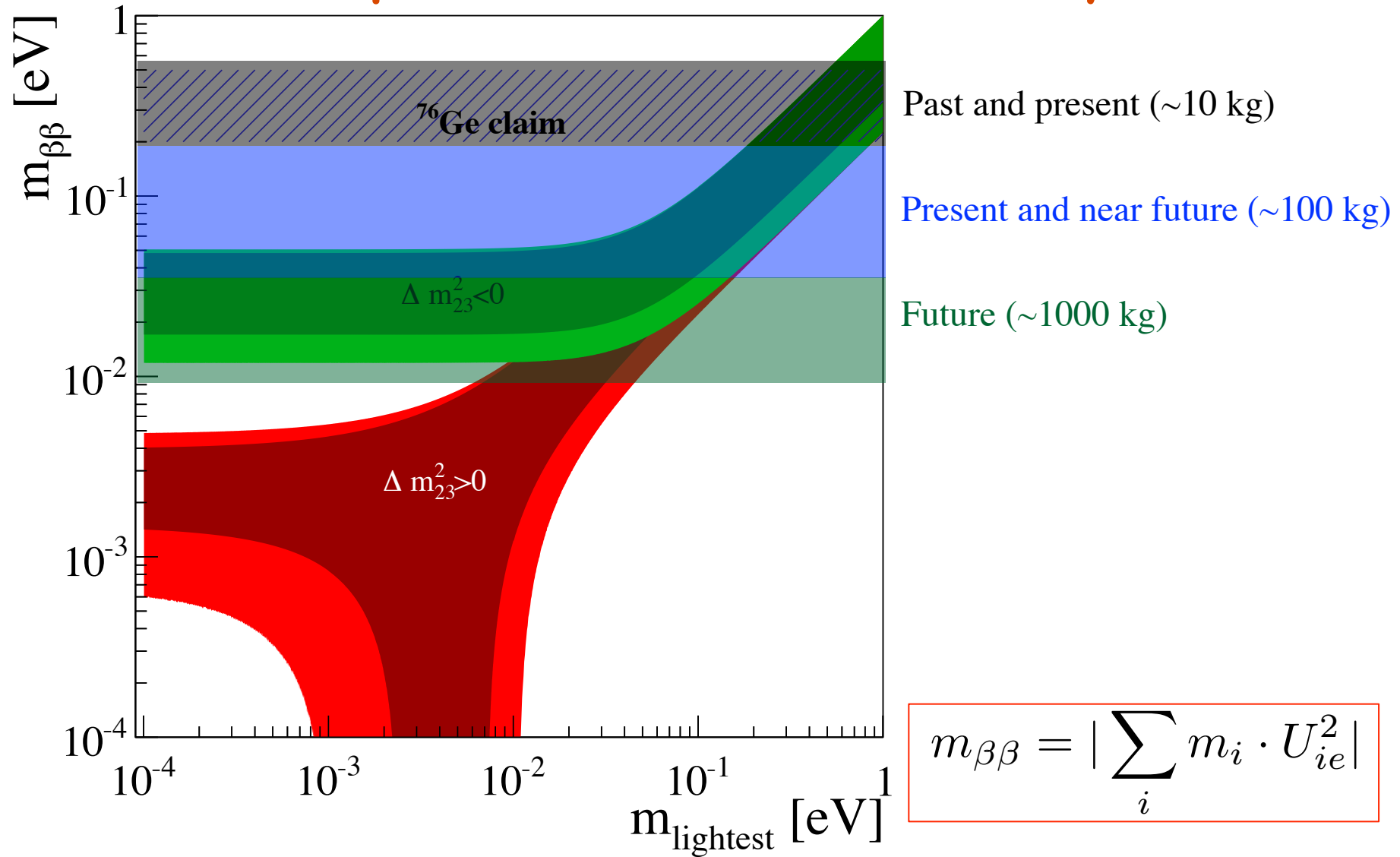
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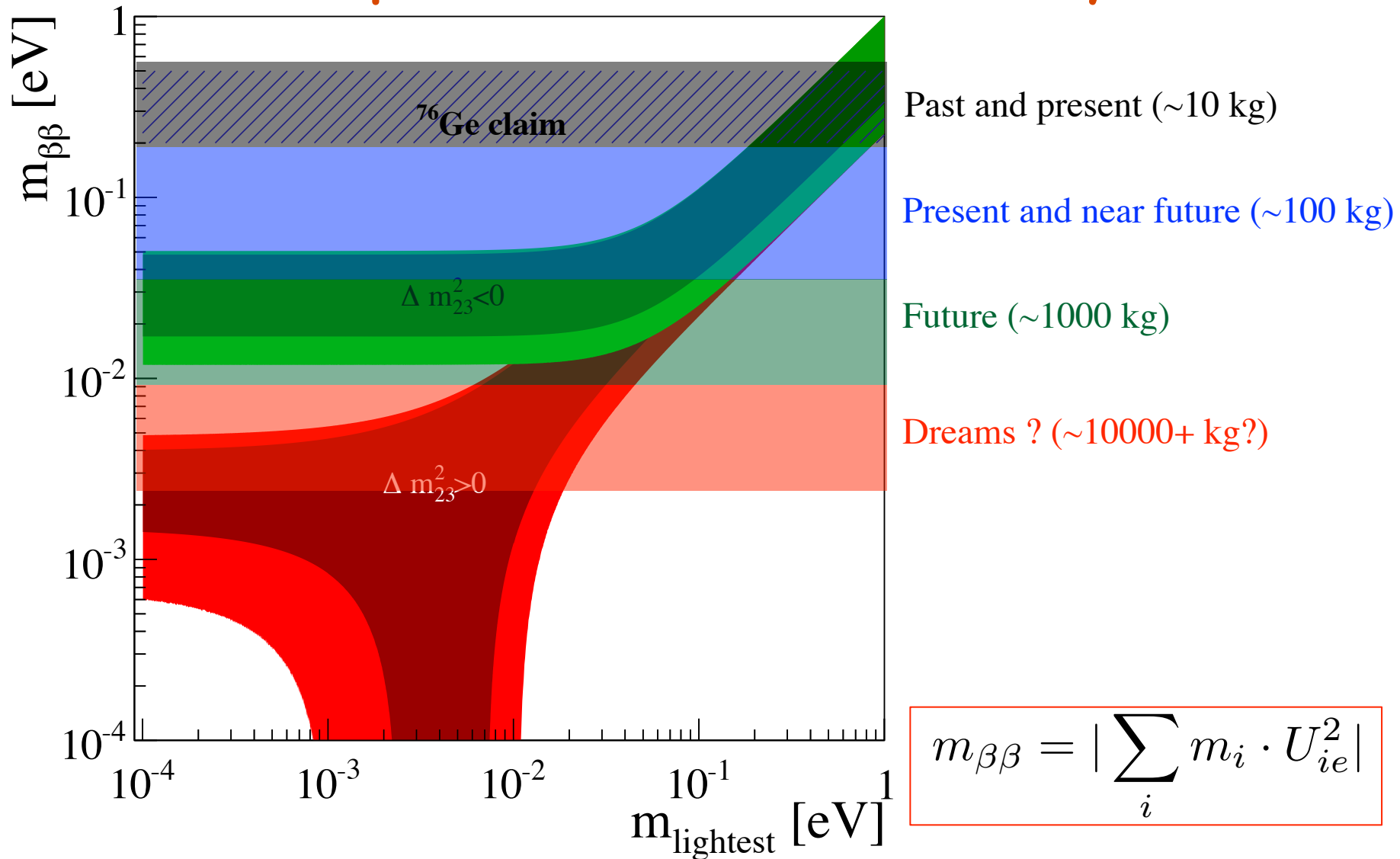


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# $0\nu\beta\beta$ Rate and Neutrino Mass

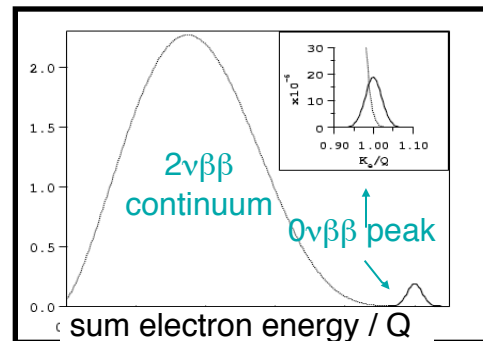
$0\nu\beta\beta$  rate  $\rightarrow$  Phase space  $\propto Q^5$   $\rightarrow$  Nuclear matrix element  $\rightarrow$  Effective neutrino mass

$$\Gamma = 1/\tau = G_F^2 \Phi(Q, Z) |M_{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2$$

high  $Q$  candidates preferred

large phase space

low background



$^{238}\text{U}$   $\gamma$  end at 2.4 MeV  
 $^{232}\text{Th}$   $\gamma$  end at 2.6 MeV

[2039 keV ( $^{76}\text{Ge}$ )  $\Leftrightarrow$  4271 keV ( $^{48}\text{Ca}$ )]

$\tau^{0\nu} \sim 10^{24} - 10^{26}$  years: large mass and extremely low backgrounds needed (underground labs, ultra purity materials, active rejection of backgrounds)

# Experimental Sensitivity

Half-life	Expected Signal (counts/tonne-year)
$5 \times 10$	$\sim 100$
$5 \times 10$	$\sim 10$
$5 \times 10$	$\sim 1$
$5 \times 10$	$\sim 0.1$

Sensitivity scaling:

$$\left[ T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \right] \propto \varepsilon_{ff} \cdot I_{abundance} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{Source\ Mass \cdot Time}{Bkg \cdot \Delta E}} \quad (\text{background-limited})$$

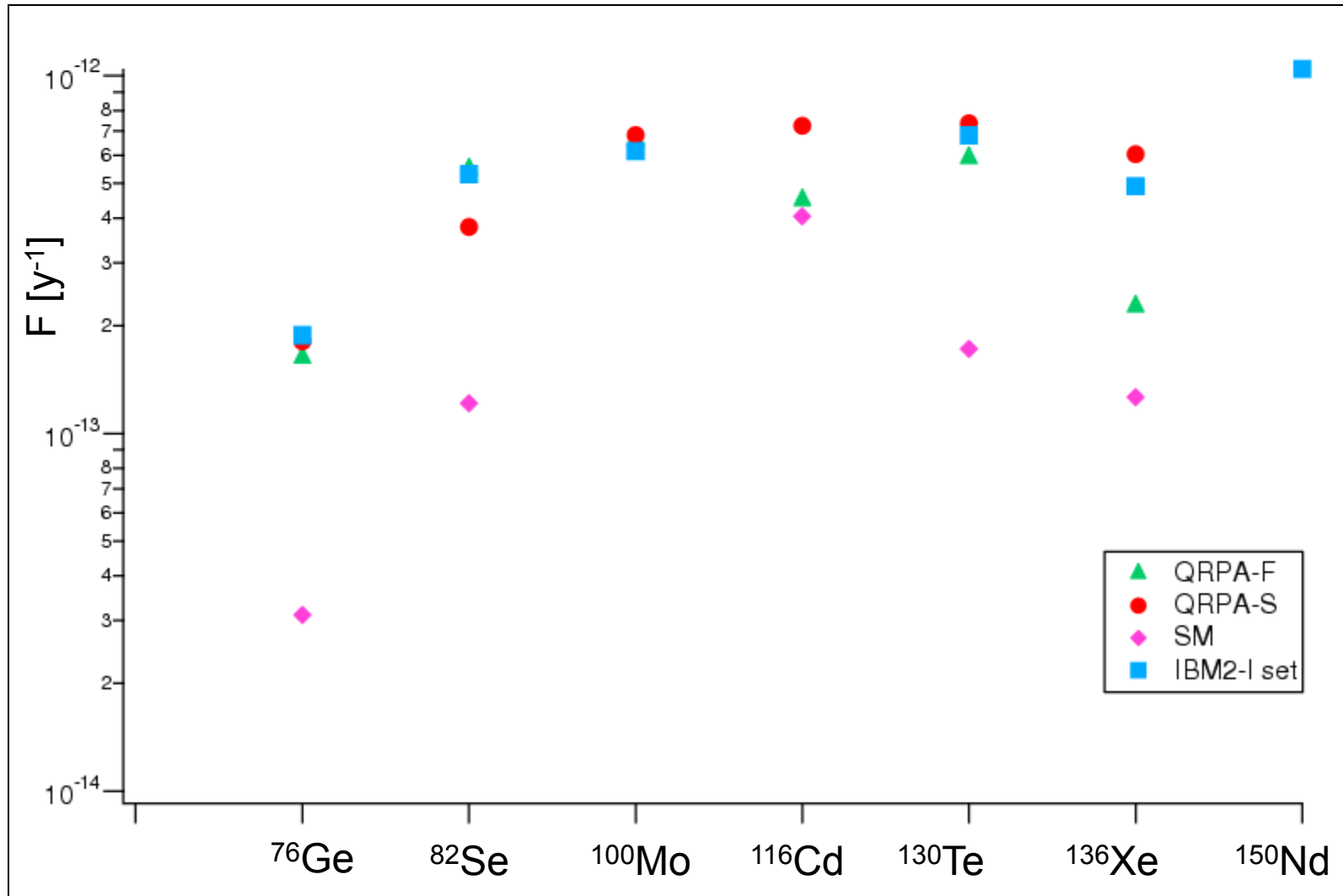
$$\left[ T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \right] \propto \varepsilon_{ff} \cdot I_{abundance} \cdot Source\ Mass \cdot Time \quad (\text{background-free})$$

Experimental challenge:

- ✓ Increase *Mass* (200-1000 kg for current experiments): \$\$, R&D
- ✓ Increase *Isotopic Abundance*: \$\$
- ✓ Decrease *Bkg* (ultimately to  $2\nu\beta\beta$  limit): radiopurity, active rejection
- ✓ Decrease  $\Delta E$ : technology choice

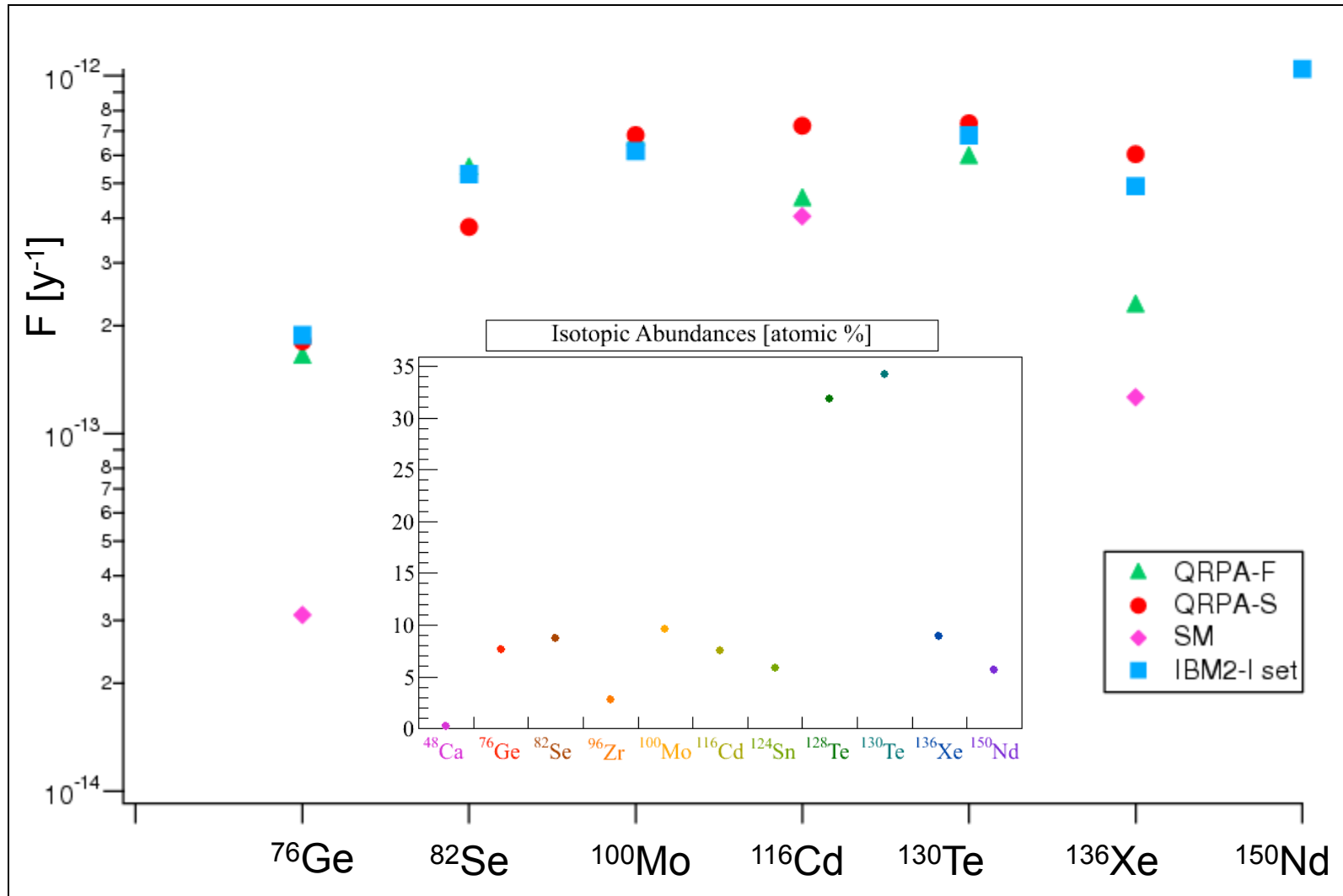
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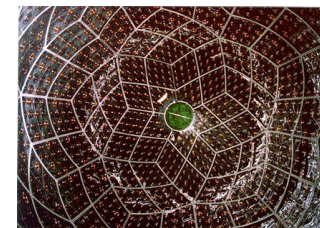
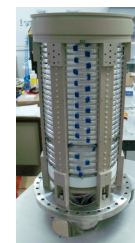
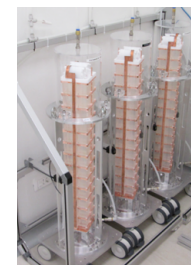
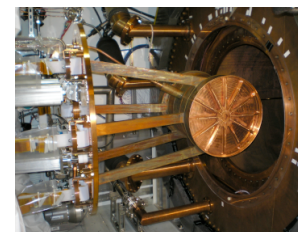
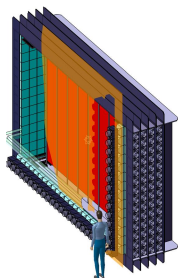
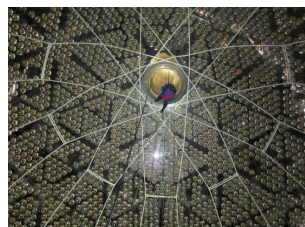
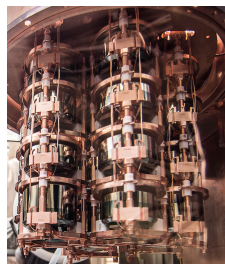
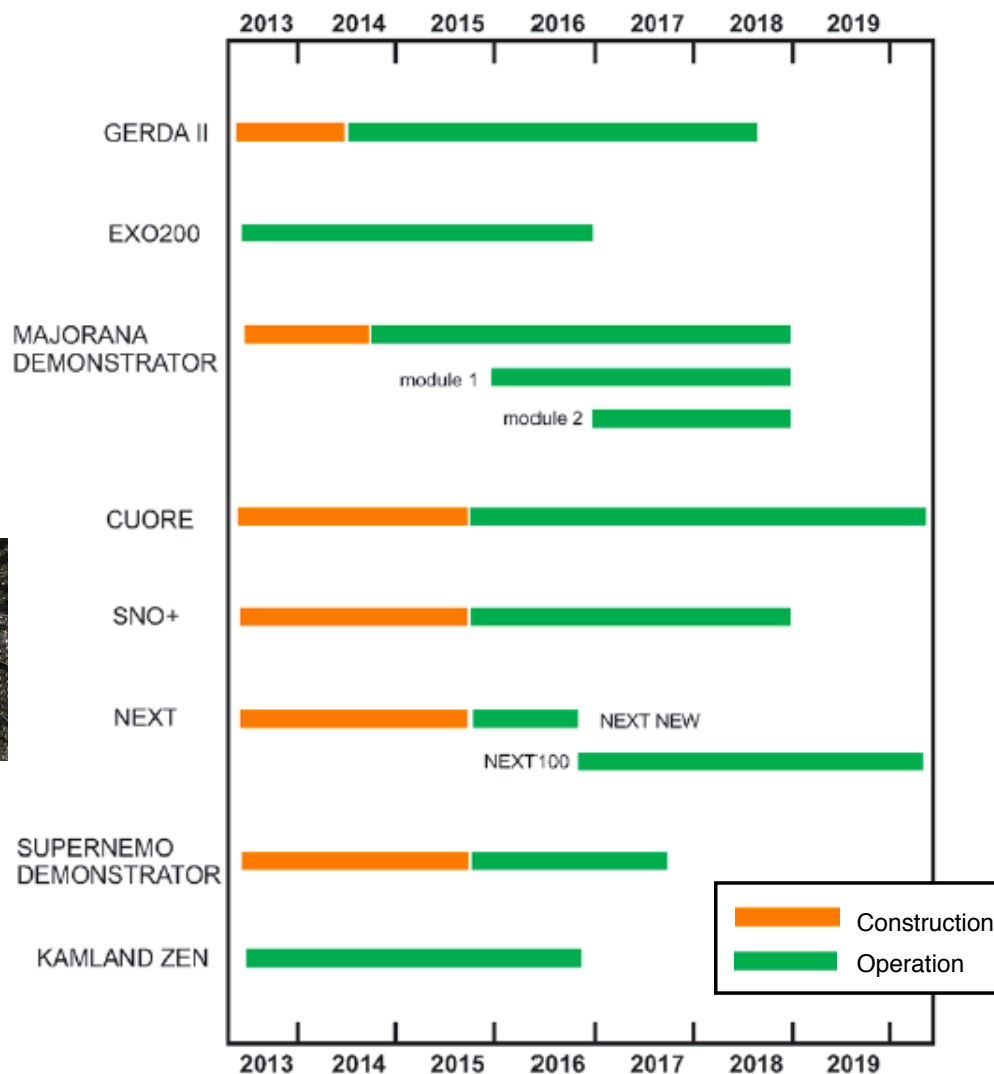
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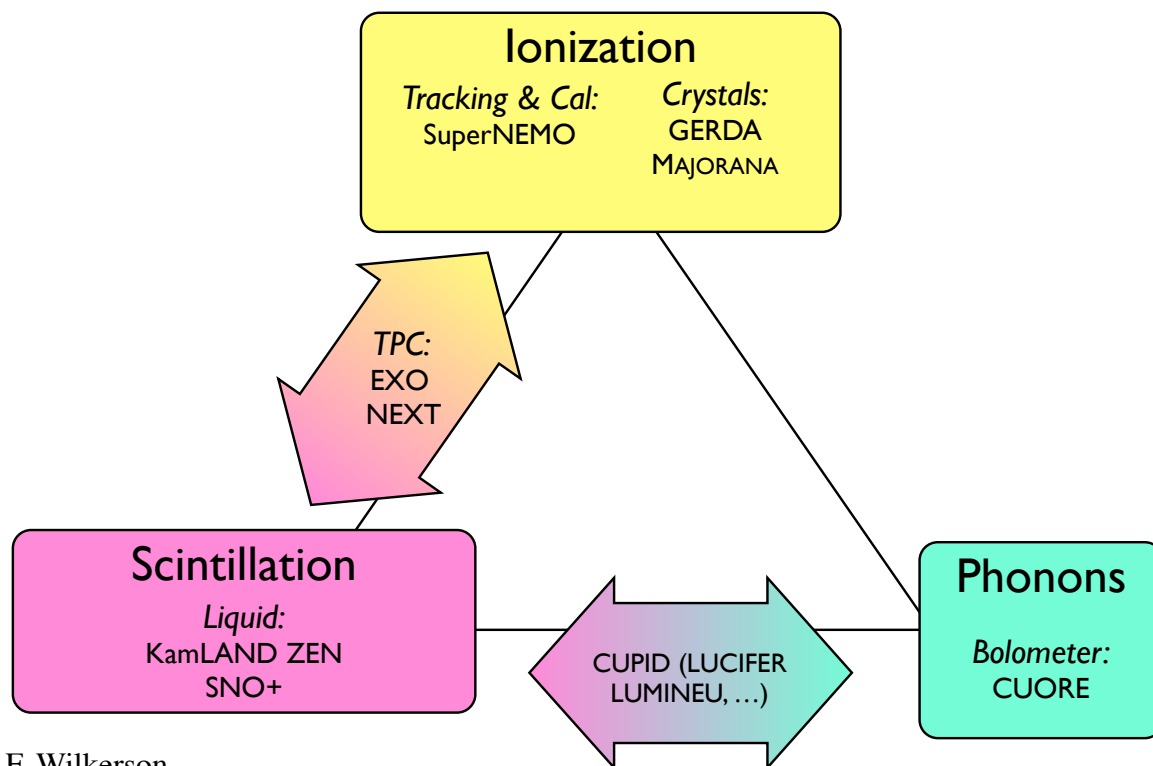


# Diverse, Vibrant Program

NLDBD Sub Committee Report to NSAC

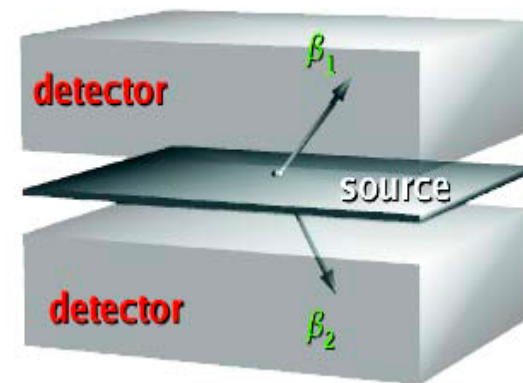


# Detection Techniques

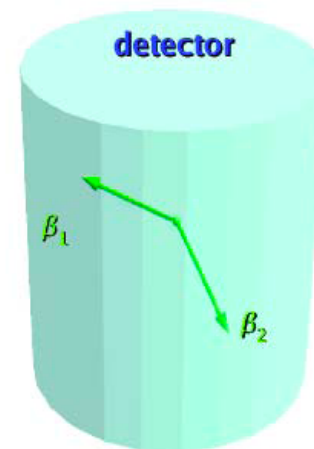


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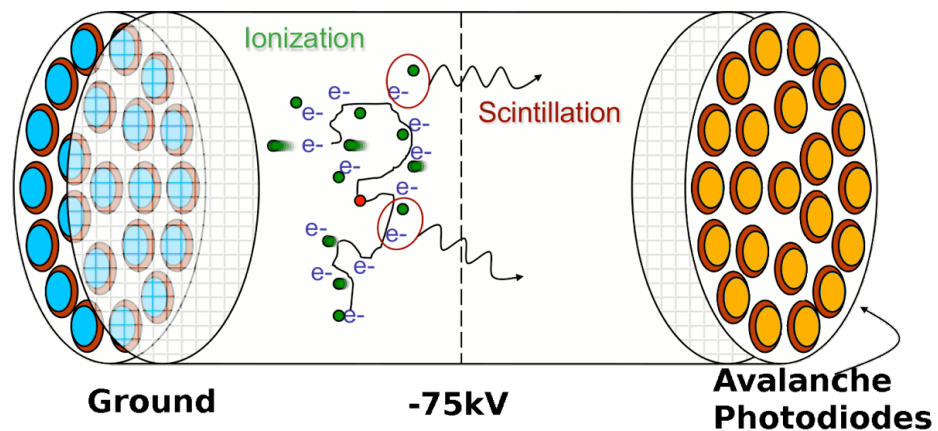
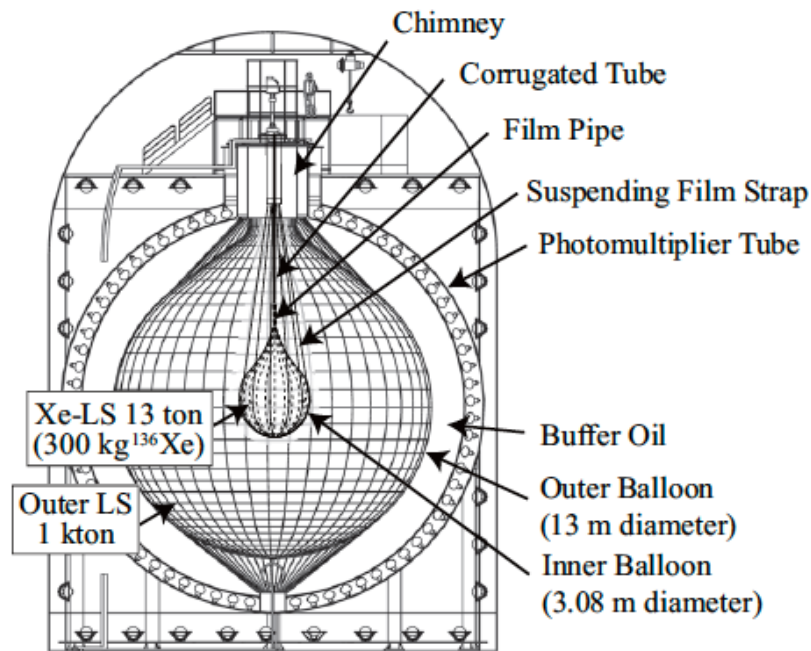
Source external to detector  
(NEMO, SuperNEMO)



Source internal to detector  
(most common)



# Current State of the Art: $^{136}\text{Xe}$

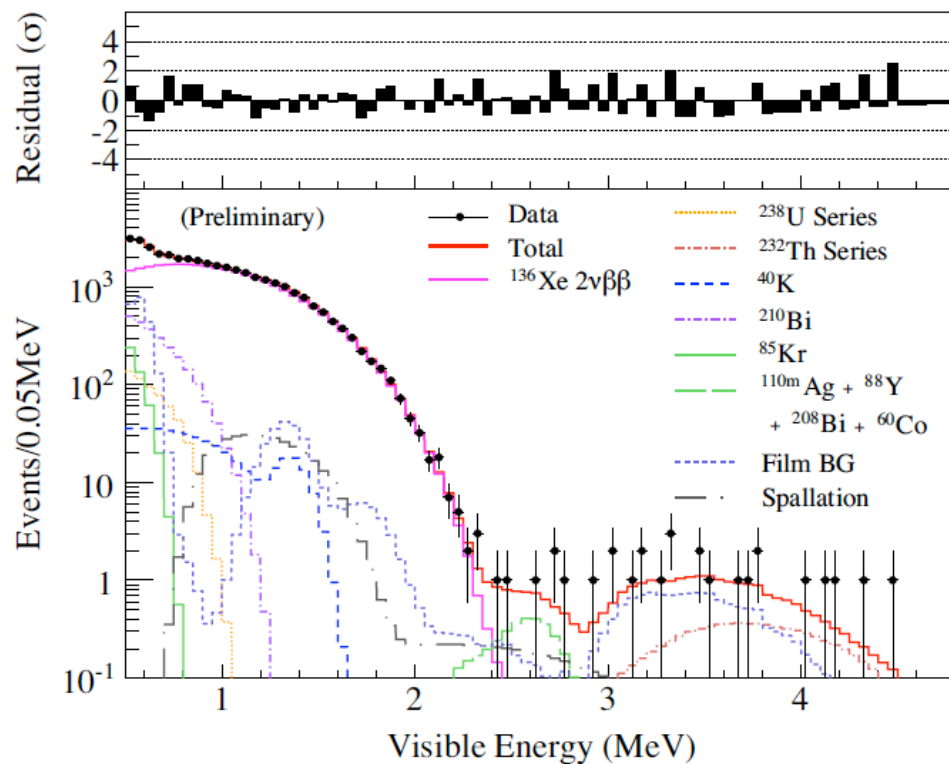


KamLAND-Zen (Japan)  
Xe-doped liquid scintillator  
383 kg of enriched  $^{136}\text{Xe}$

EXO-200 (USA)  
LXe TPC  
200 kg of enriched  $^{136}\text{Xe}$



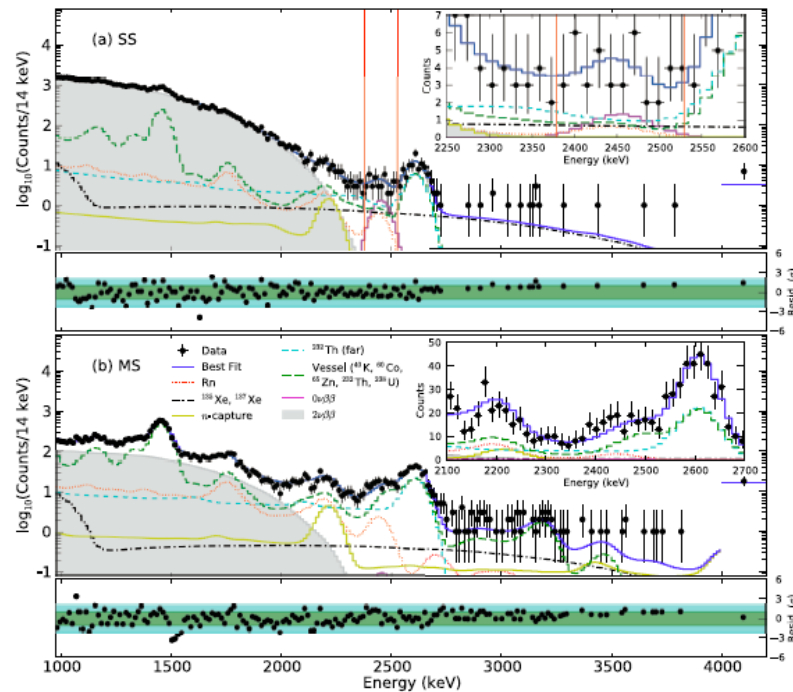
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KamLAND-Zen (Japan)

arXiv:1409.0077

$T_{1/2}(^{136}\text{Xe}) > 2.6 \times 10^{25}$  years



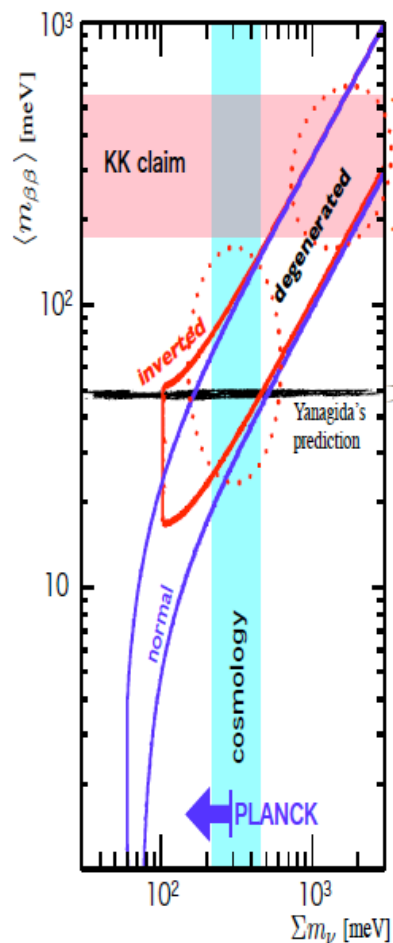
EXO-200 (USA)

Nature **510**, 229 (2014)

$T_{1/2}(^{136}\text{Xe}) > 1.1 \times 10^{25}$  years

# Next-Gen: KamLAND2-Zen

## Prospects



From: K. Inoue

KamLAND-Zen is a top runner and being improved.

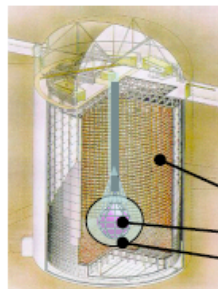
KamLAND-Zen 89.5 kg-yr  
 $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle < 160 \sim 330 \text{ meV}$  @90% C.L.  
 the world best



KamLAND-Zen 2nd phase (2013 fall -)  
 100 times  $^{110m}\text{Ag}$  reduction expected

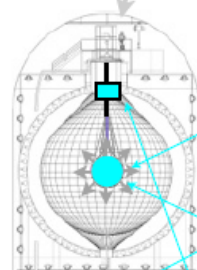
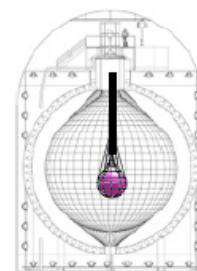
KamLAND-Zen 600kg  
 with clean mini-balloon

KamLAND2-Zen : high QE PMT, high  
 yield LS, light concentrator  
 $\sigma_E(2.6\text{MeV})=4\% \rightarrow <2.5\%$   
 Super-KamLAND-Zen



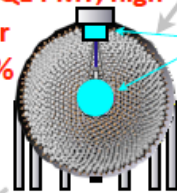
water or LS  
 Xenon-LS  
 normal LS

precision anti-neutrino physics  
 $p \rightarrow \nu K^+$  is also possible.

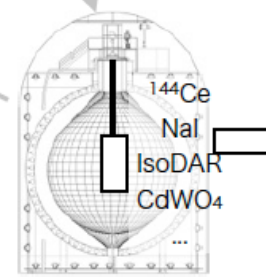


R&D for  
 pressurized Xe

R&D for  
 scintillation film



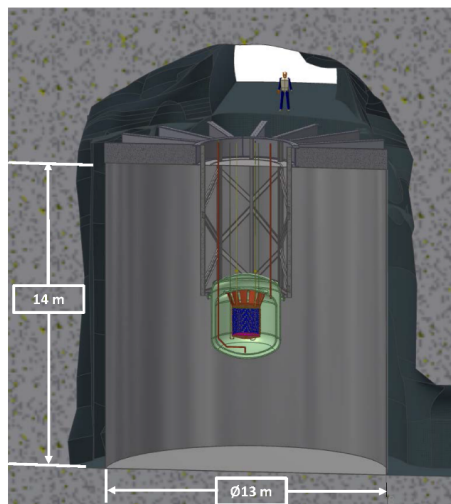
R&D for  $\beta/\gamma$  discrimination  
 (high sensitivity imaging)



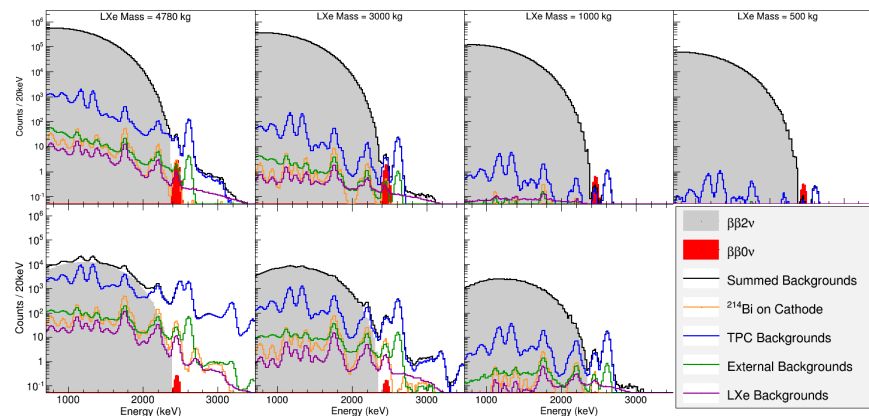
Various low BG  
 measurement can be  
 accommodated.

# Next-Gen: nEXO

- 5 tonnes of  $^{\text{enr}}\text{Xe}$
- nEXO 5 yr 90% CL sensitivity:  $T_{1/2} > 6.6 \cdot 10^{27}$  yr
- LXe homogeneous imaging TPC similar to EXO-200:
  - baseline: install at SNOLAB (cosmogenic background reduced wrt EXO-200)
  - simultaneous measurement: energy, spatial extent, location, particle ID
  - Multi-parameter approach improves sensitivity: strengthens proof in case of discovery
  - inverted hierarchy covered with a well proven detector concept
  - possible later upgrade for Ba retrieval/tagging: start accessing normal hierarchy



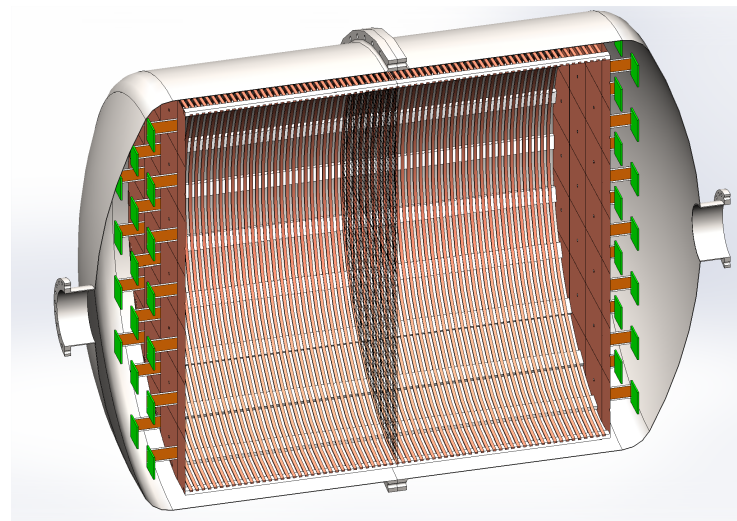
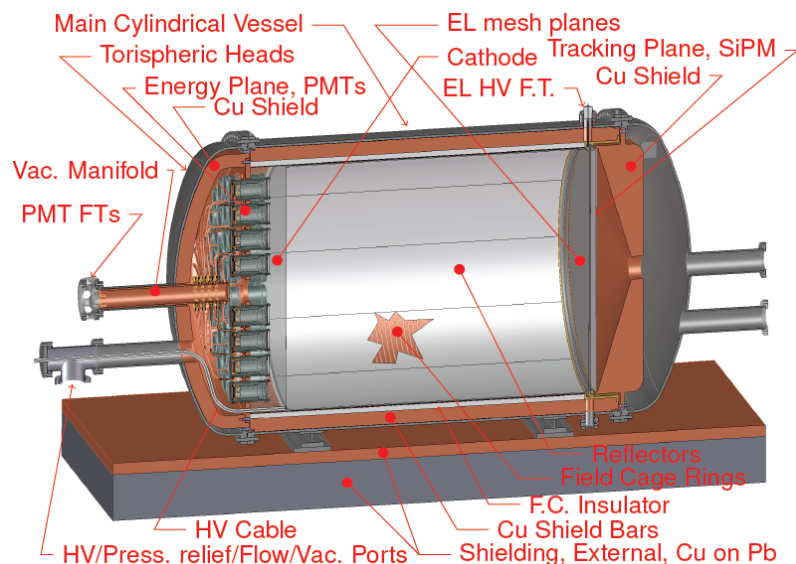
Deeper into fiducial volume →



Single-site,  
Mainly signal,  
2v and 0v

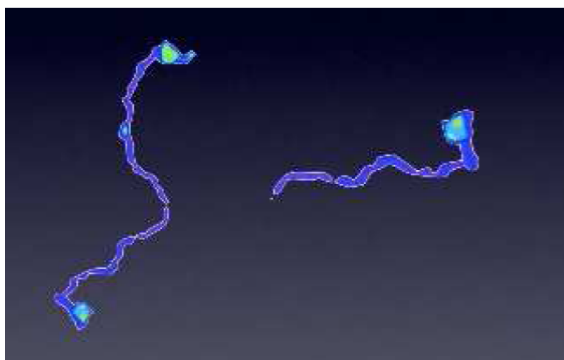
Multi-site,  
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background

# Next-Gen: High-Pressure $^{136}\text{Xe}$ TPC



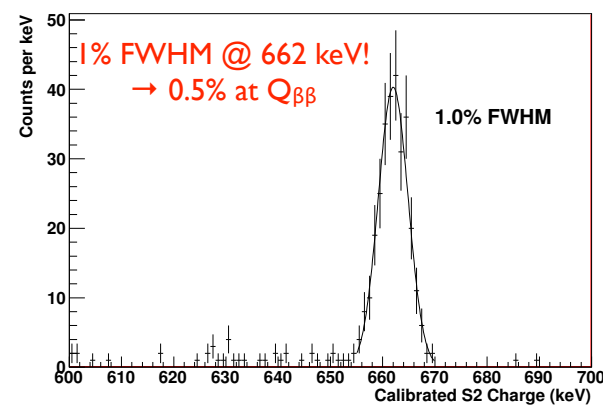
NEXT (Spain): Electro-luminescence HPXe TPC  
10 kg (2015), 100 kg (2017), to tonne

PANDA-X III (China): Electron HPXe TPC  
200 kg (2017) to 1 tonne

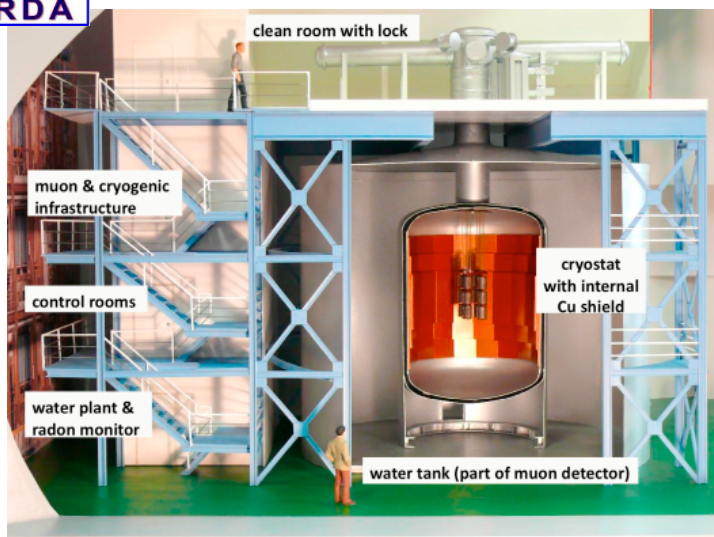


## Key features:

- Event topology (background suppression, kinematics)
- Good energy resolution (significantly better than LXe)



# Current State of the Art: $^{76}\text{Ge}$



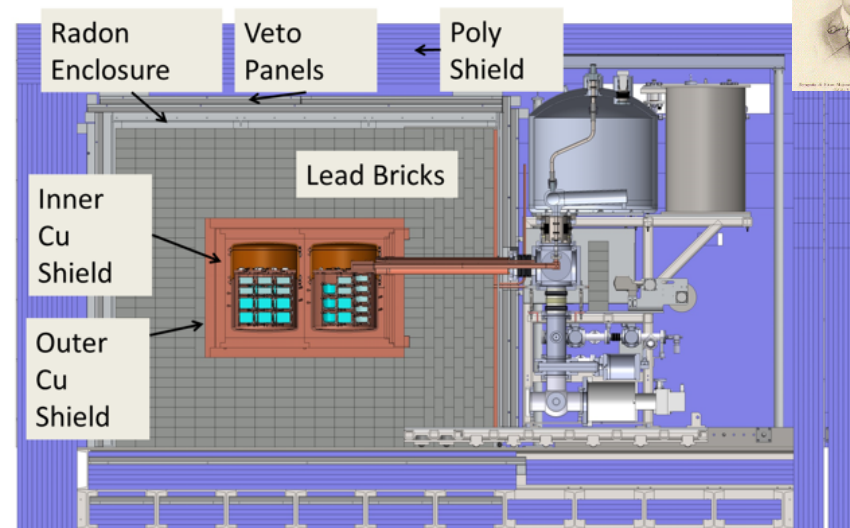
## GERDA (Italy)

Enriched HPGe array

LAr active shield

18 kg of enriched  $^{76}\text{Ge}$  (Phase I)

40 kg of enriched  $^{76}\text{Ge}$  (Phase II)



## MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR (USA)

Enriched HPGe array

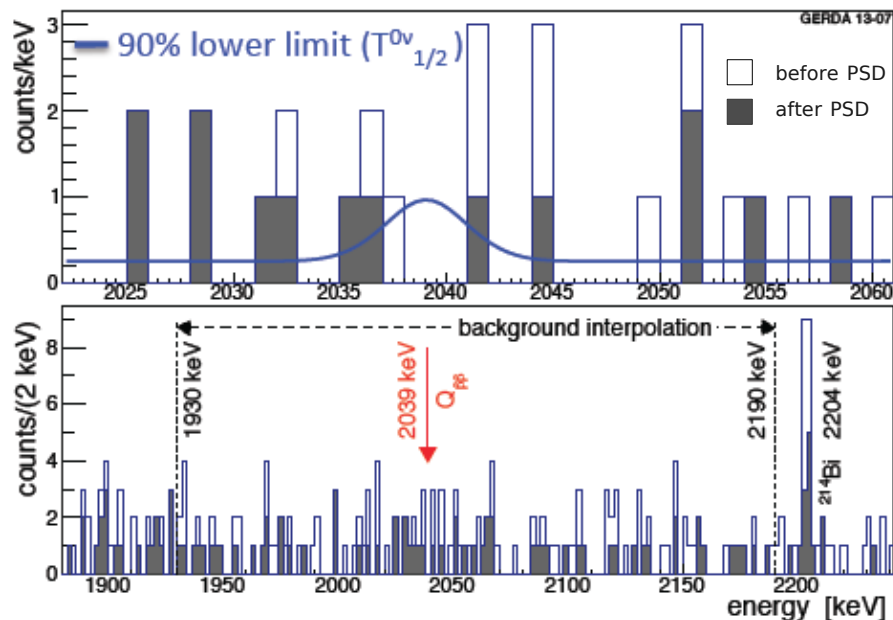
High-purity electroformed Cu shield

30 kg of enriched  $^{76}\text{Ge}$

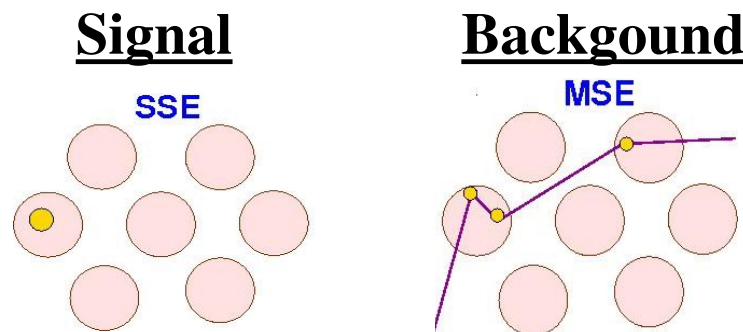
15 kg of natural  $^{76}\text{Ge}$



# GERDA Phase I Results



- Anti-coincidence with the muon veto
- Anti-coincidence between detectors: suppression of Multi Site Events (MSE) respect to Single Site Events (SSE)
- Pulse shape discrimination (PSD)



$T^0v_{1/2} > 2.1 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr @ 90\% C.L. (Frequentist)}$

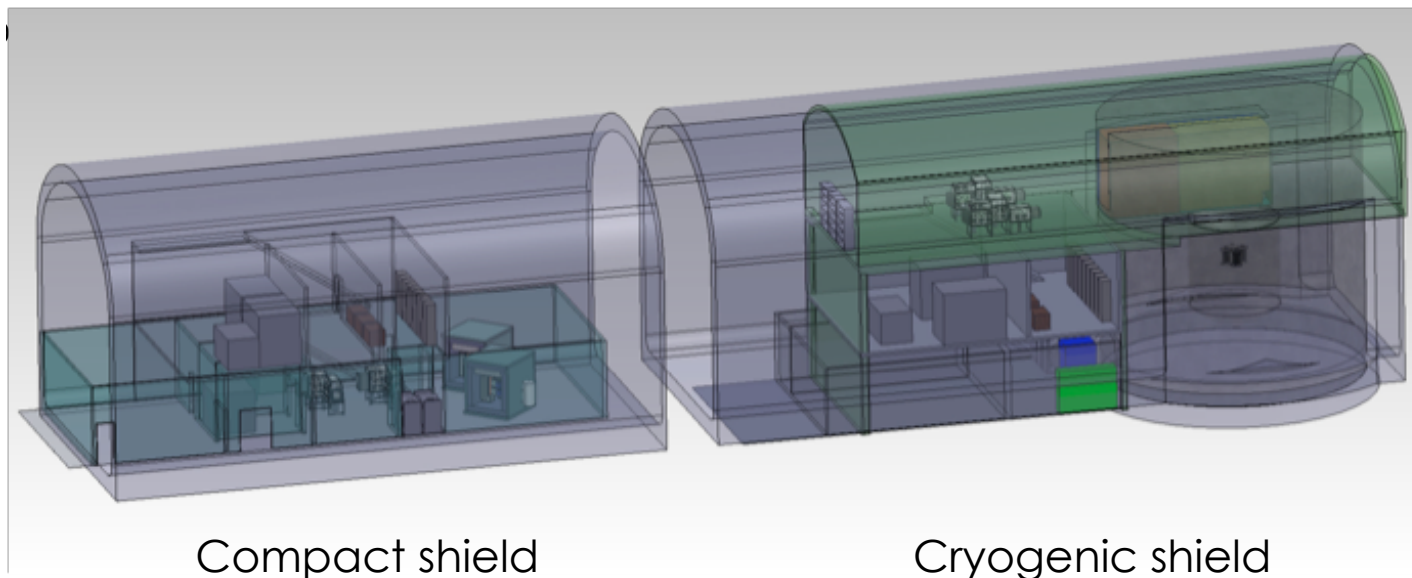
$T^0v_{1/2} > 3.0 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr @ 90\% C.L. (GERDA+IGEX+HdM)}$

Inconsistent with controversial discovery claim [PL **B586**, 184 (2004)]

GERDA Collaboration, PRL 111 (2013) 122503  
Eur. Phys. J. C (2014) 74:2764

# Future $^{76}\text{Ge}$ Experiment

- MAJORANA and GERDA are working towards the establishment of a single international  $^{76}\text{Ge}$   $0\nu\beta\beta$  collaboration
- Envision a phased, stepwise implementation;  
e.g.  $250 \rightarrow 500 \rightarrow 1000$  kg  
5 yr 90% CL sensitivity:  $T_{1/2} > 3.2 \cdot 10^{27}$  yr  
10 yr  $3\sigma$  discovery:  $T_{1/2} \sim 3 \cdot 10^{27}$  yr
- Moving forward predicated on *demonstration* of projected backgrounds by MJD and/or GERDA



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# $^{130}\text{Te}$ : SNO+

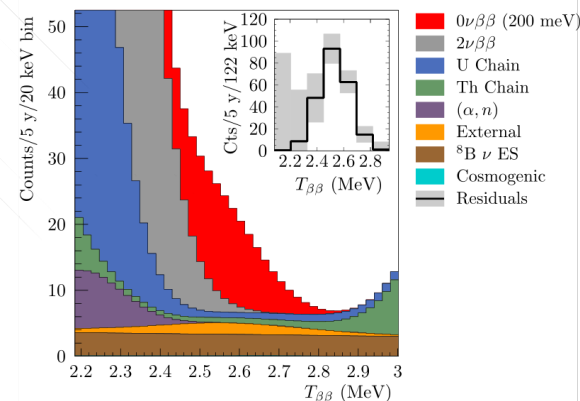
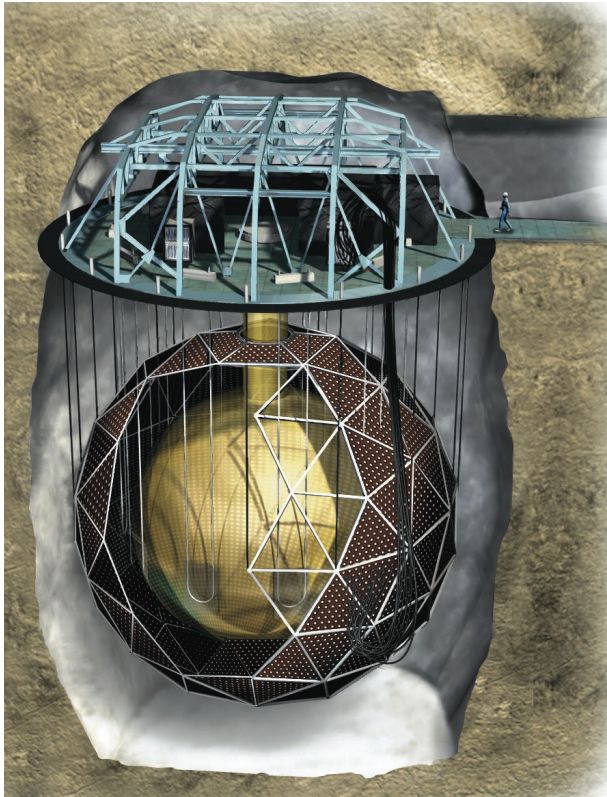
SNO+ will replace SNO  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  with 780 tonnes of LAB, loaded with  $\text{natTe}$

Phase I (2017-): 160 kg  $^{130}\text{Te}$  (fiducial volume)

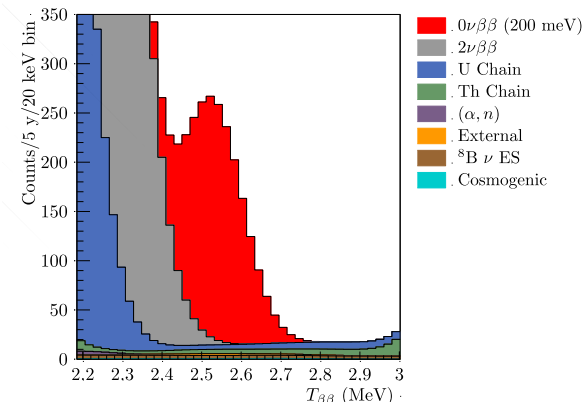
- Scintillator running begins mid-2016
- 0.3% Te loading begins early 2017

Phase II: 2.2 tonnes  $^{130}\text{Te}$

- 3% loading of Te (already demonstrated)
- Increased light yield (PMT upgrade, wavelength shifter)
- Containment bag for Te fiducial volume



SNO+ Phase I



SNO+ Phase II



# THEIA: multi-purpose $\nu$ detector

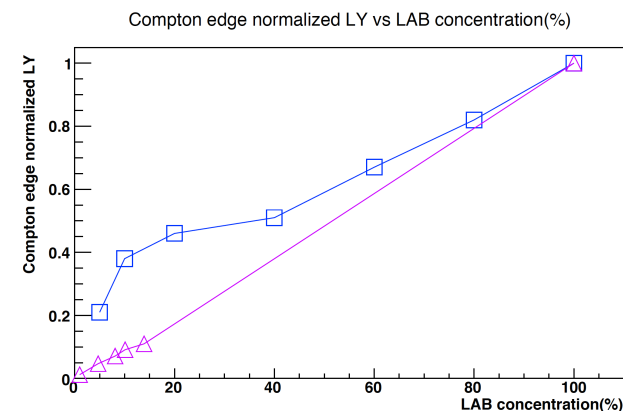
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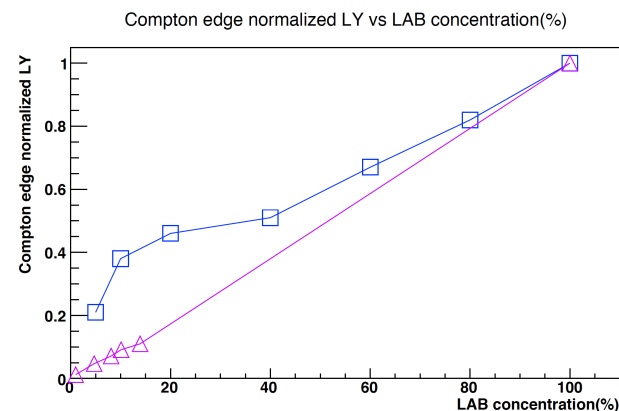
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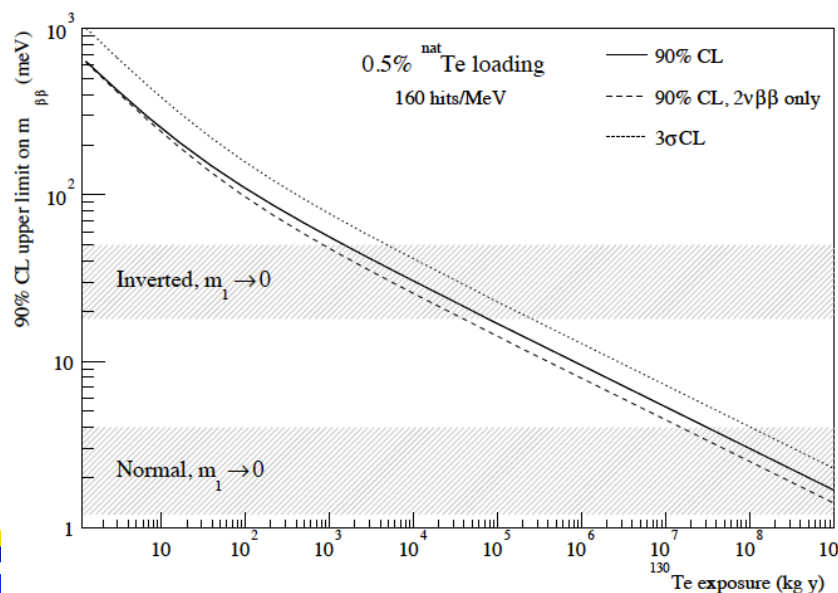
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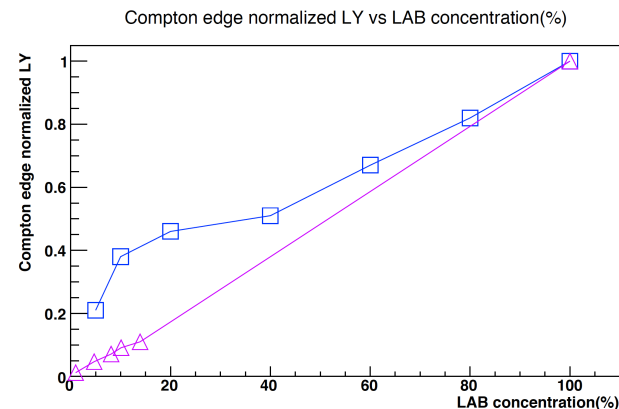
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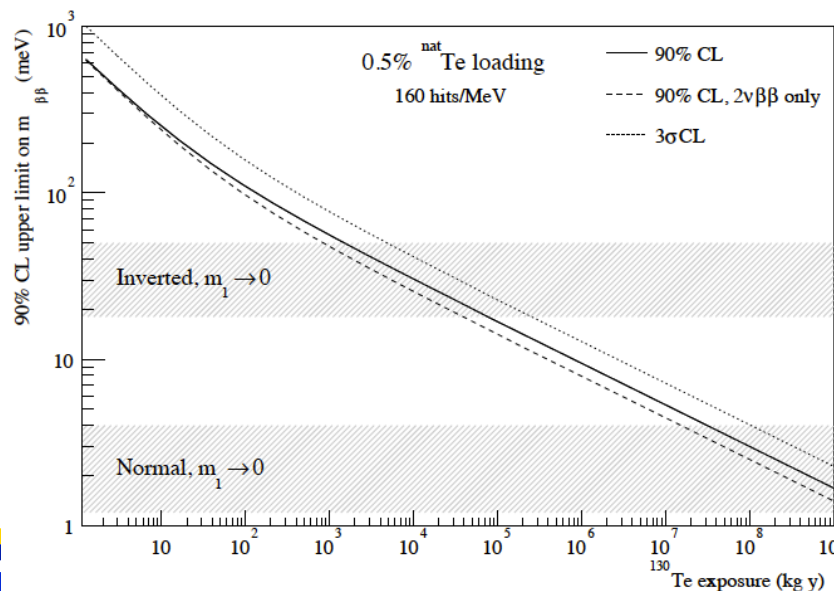
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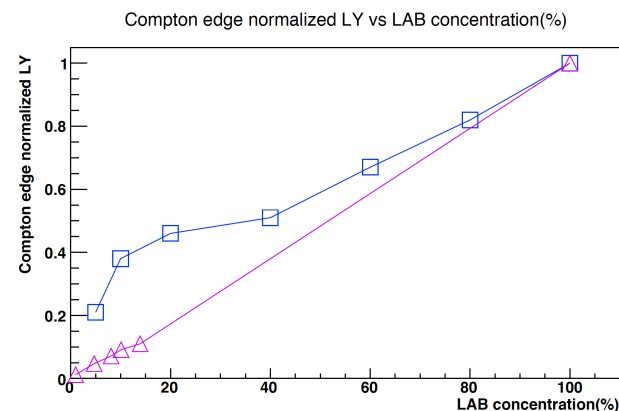
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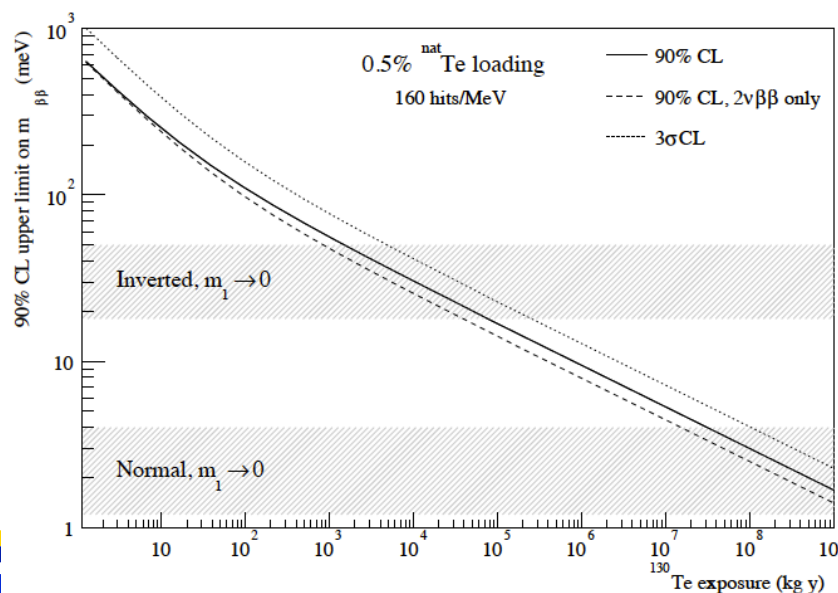
Water-based liquid scintillator:  
separation of Cherenkov and  
scintillation signals



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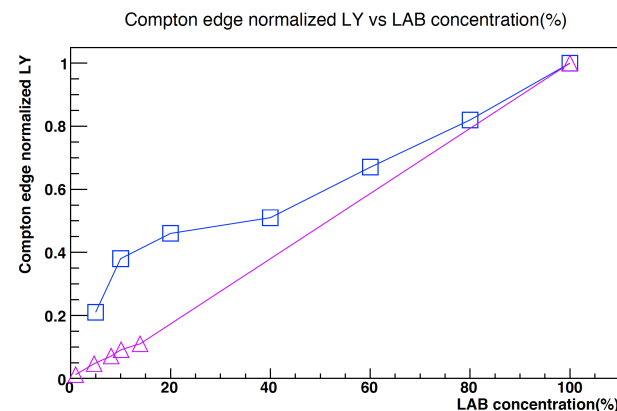
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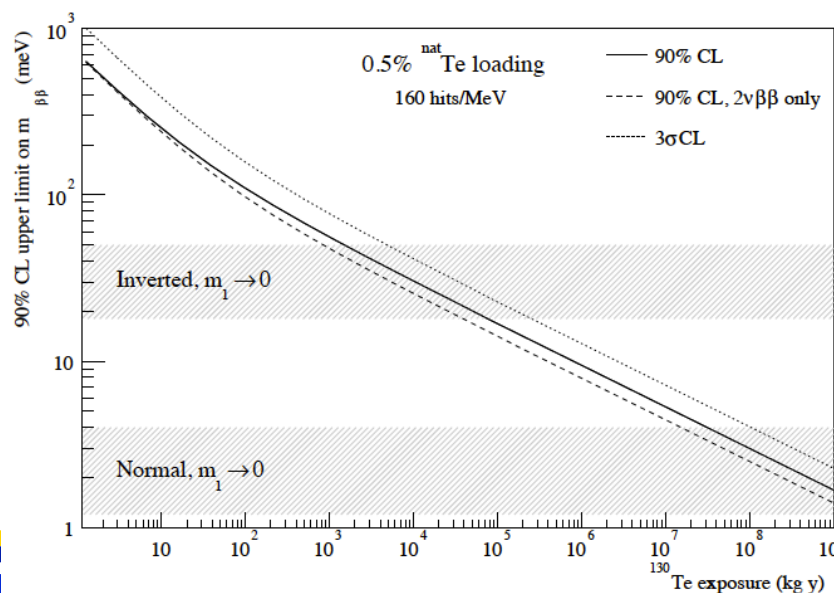


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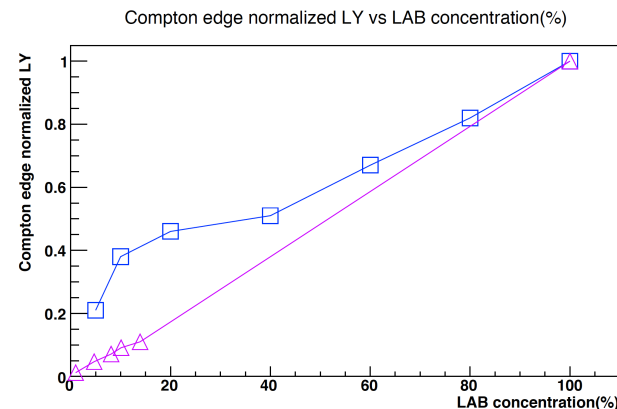
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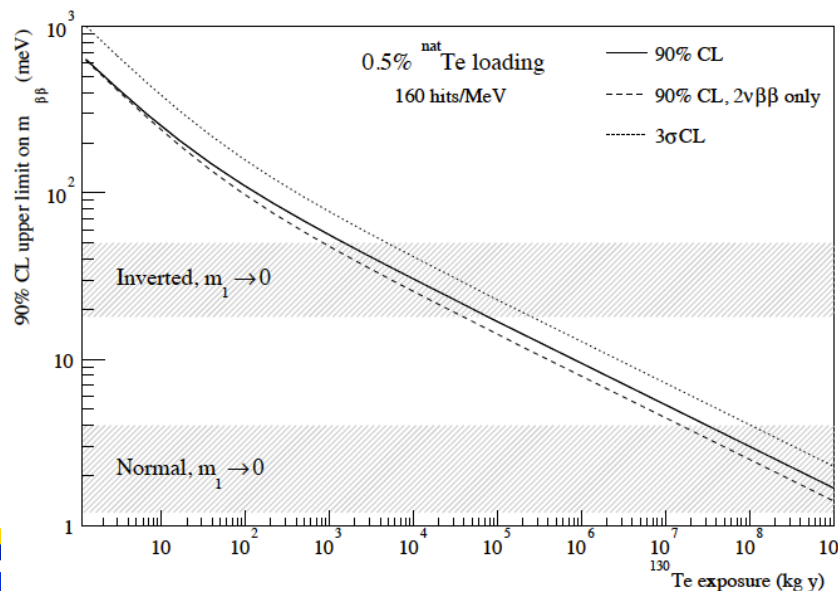
50kt detector  
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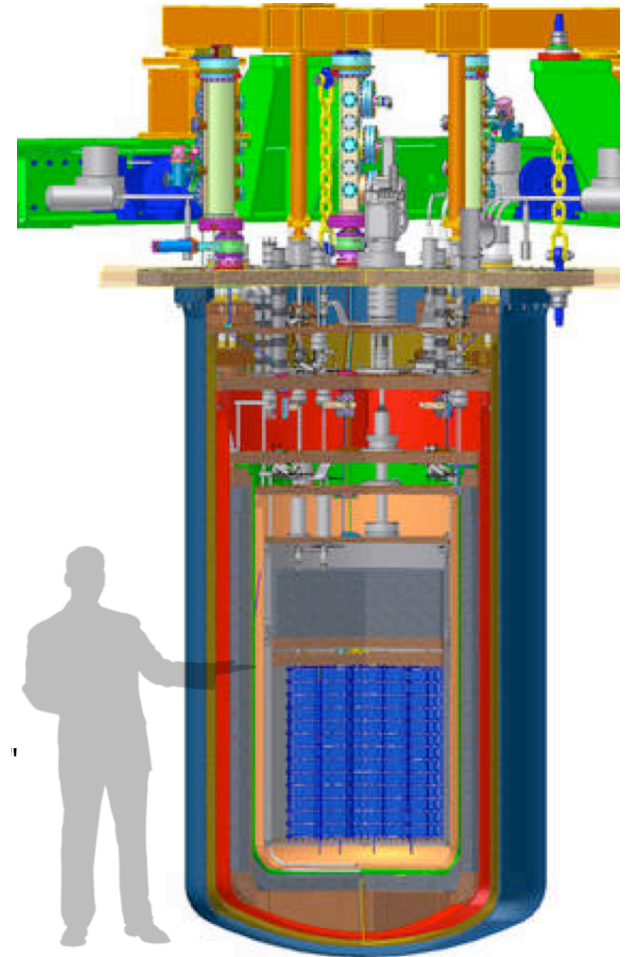
# $^{130}\text{Te}$ : CUORE

## Array of 988 $\text{TeO}_2$ cryogenic bolometers

- 19 towers suspended in a cylindrical structure
- 13 levels, 4 crystals each
- $5 \times 5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3$  (750g each)
- $^{130}\text{Te}$ : 33.8% natural isotope abundance

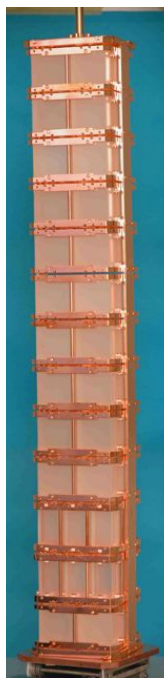
**750 kg  $\text{TeO}_2 \Rightarrow 200 \text{ kg } ^{130}\text{Te}$**

- New pulse tube refrigerator and cryostat:
  - Coldest  $\text{m}^3$  in Universe ( $\sim 10 \text{ mK}$ )
- Radio-purity techniques and high resolution achieve low backgrounds
- Joint venture between Italy (INFN) and US (DOE, NSF)
- Under construction (expected start of operations by end of 2015)
- Expect energy resolution of 5 keV FWHM and background of  $\sim 0.01 \text{ counts}/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{keV} \cdot \text{year})$  in ROI





# The CUORE Program

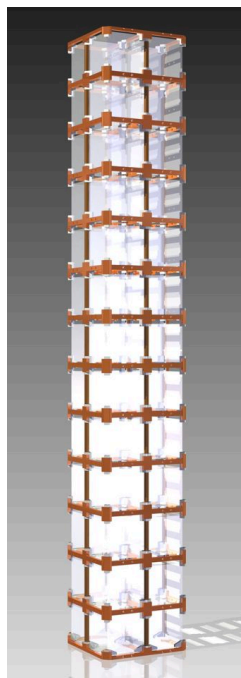


**Cuoricino**

2003–2008

11 kg  $^{130}\text{Te}$

Complete

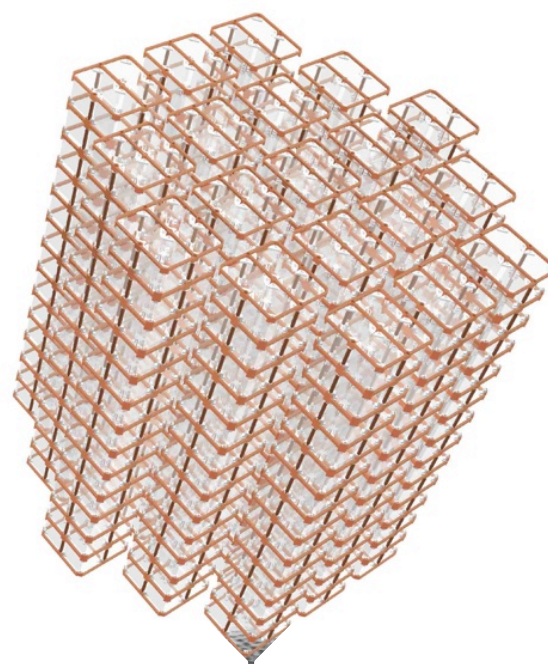


**CUORE-O**

2013–2015

11 kg  $^{130}\text{Te}$

Operating



**CUORE**

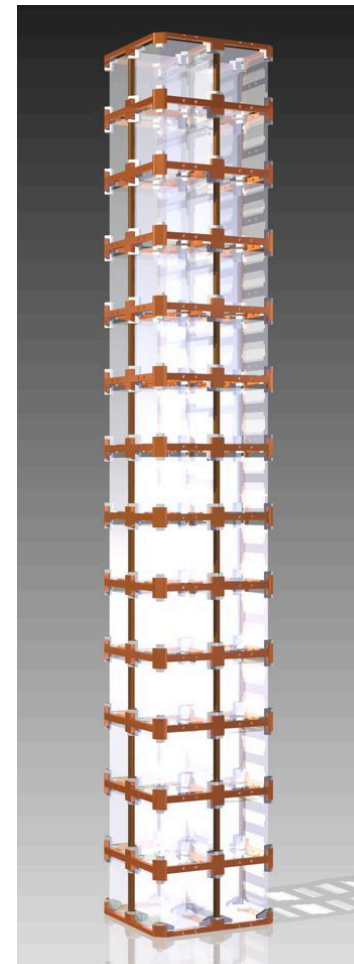
2015–2020

206 kg  $^{130}\text{Te}$

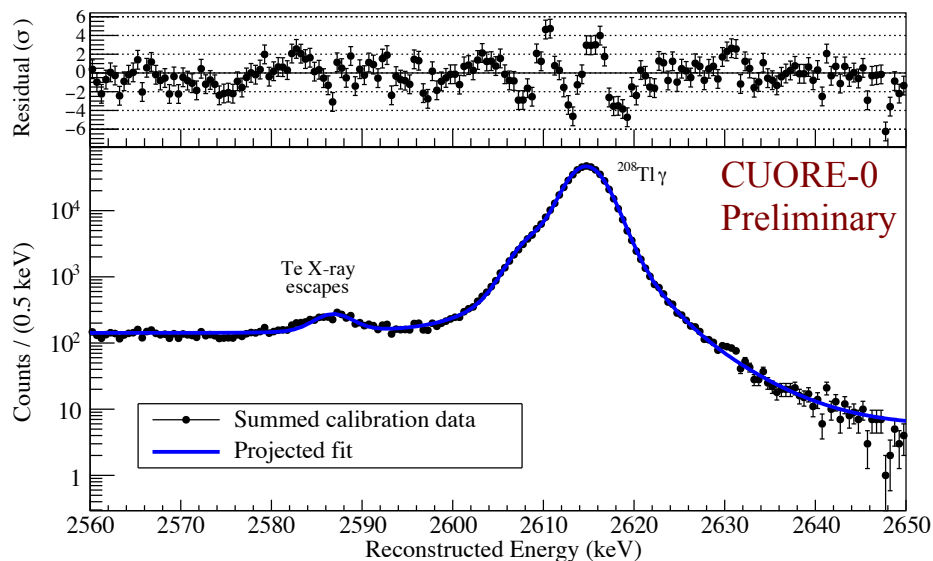
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# CUORE-0

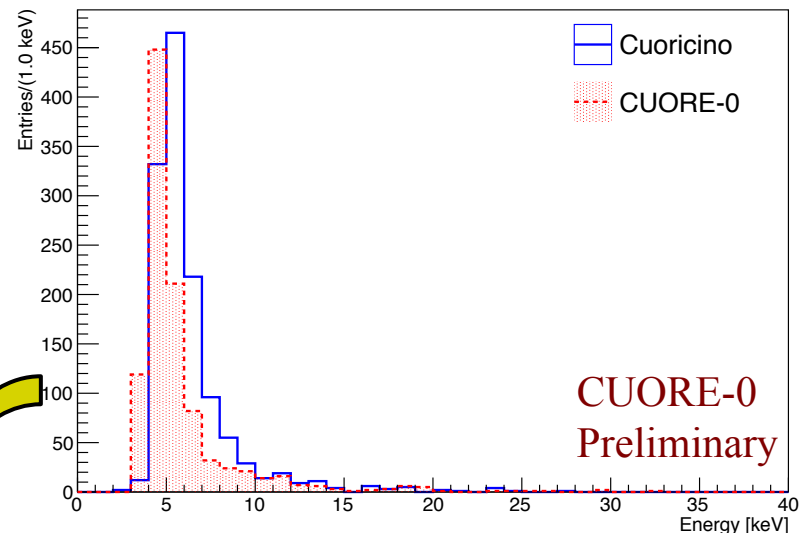
- ▶ First tower from the CUORE detector assembly line
- ▶ 52  $\text{TeO}_2$  crystals, total mass = 39 kg  $\text{TeO}_2$  = 10.9 kg  $^{130}\text{Te}$
- ▶ Purpose:
  1. Commission assembly line
  2. Run as standalone experiment while CUORE is being constructed, with aim of surpassing Cuoricino
  3. Validate CUORE detector design
  4. Provide test bed for developing DAQ & analysis framework for CUORE
- ▶ Operating in former Cuoricino cryostat since March 2013



# Energy Resolution



Bolometer-dataset FWHMs @ 2615 keV

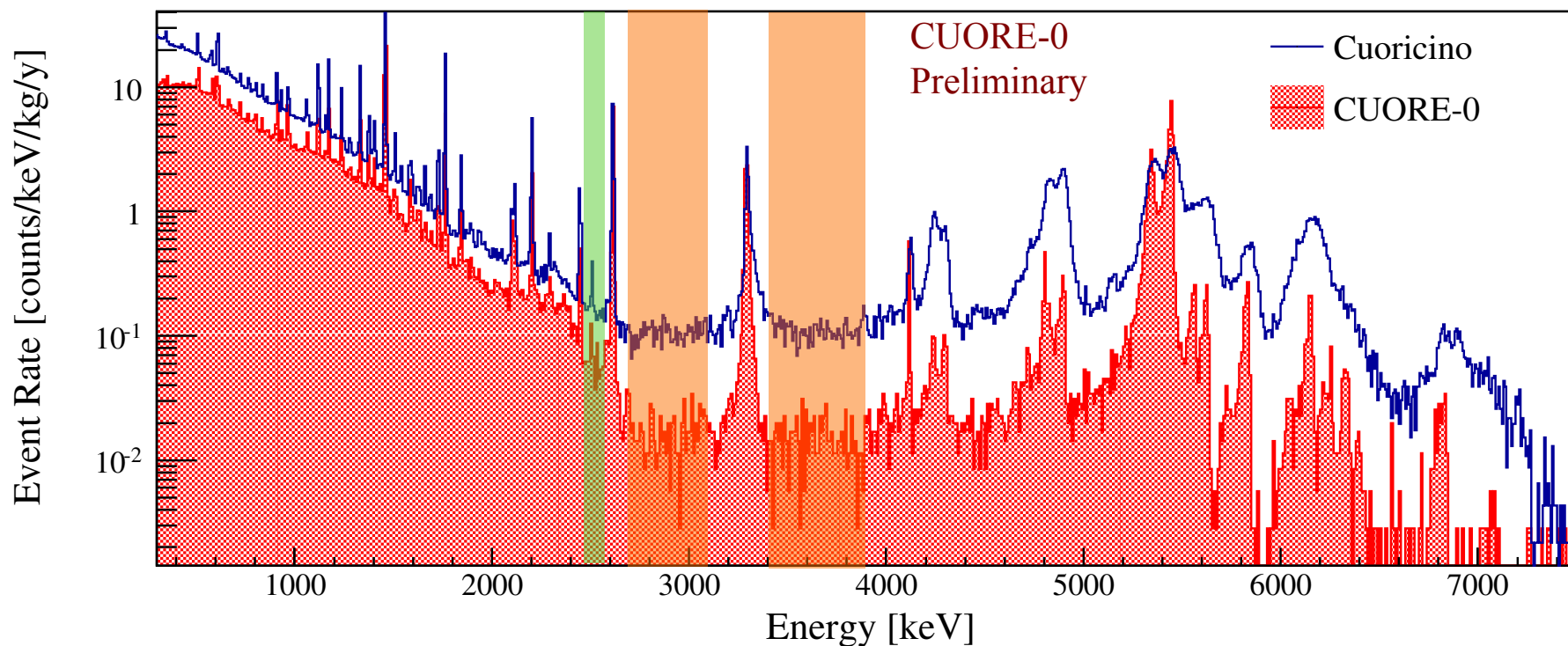


Weight FWHMs  
by corresponding  
physics exposure

	FWHM harmonic mean (keV)	FWHM dist RMS (keV)
Cuoricino	5.8	2.1
CUORE-0	4.9	2.9

- We evaluate the energy resolution for each bolometer and dataset by fitting the  $^{208}\text{Tl}$  photopeak in the calibration data
- We achieved the 5 keV resolution goal of CUORE!

# Backgrounds

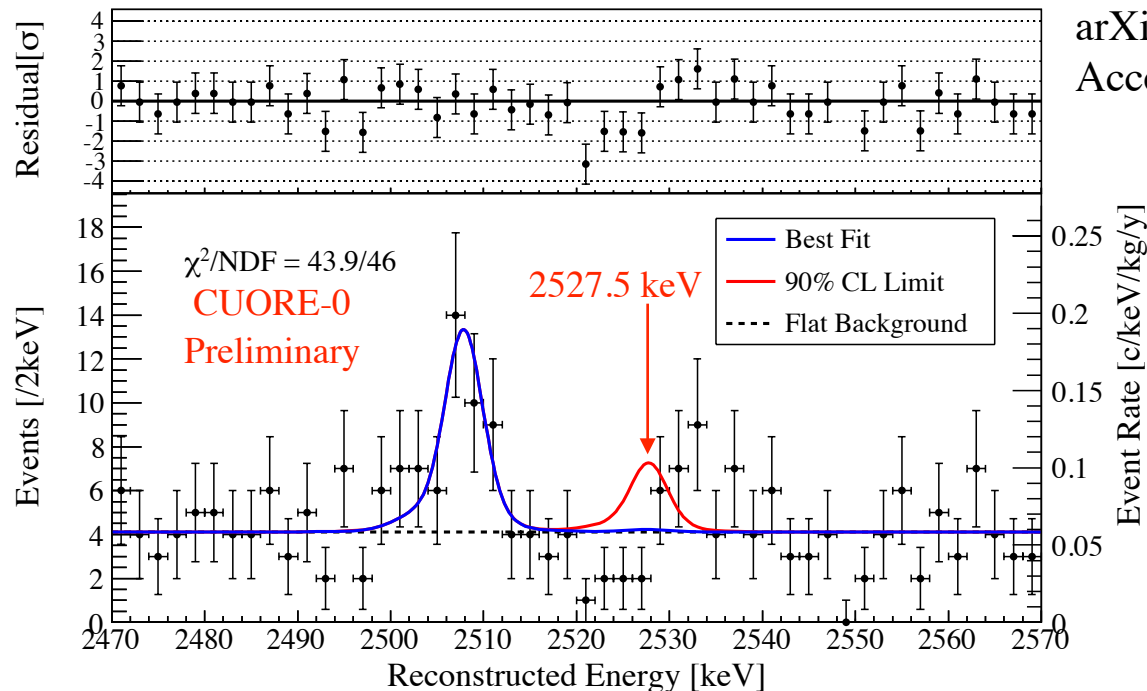


Experiment	Background rate (counts/keV/kg/y)	
	$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay region	Alpha region (excl. peak)
Cuoricino	$0.169 \pm 0.006$	$0.110 \pm 0.001$
CUORE-0	$0.058 \pm 0.004$	$0.016 \pm 0.001$

# CUORE-0 Results

arXiv:1504.02454

Accepted to PRL



Fitted background:  $0.058 \pm 0.004$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.002$  (syst.) counts/keV/kg/yr

Best-fit decay rate:  $\Gamma^{0\nu\beta\beta}({}^{130}\text{Te}) = 0.007 \pm 0.123$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.012$  (syst.)  $\times 10^{-24} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

90% C.L. limits (Bayesian):

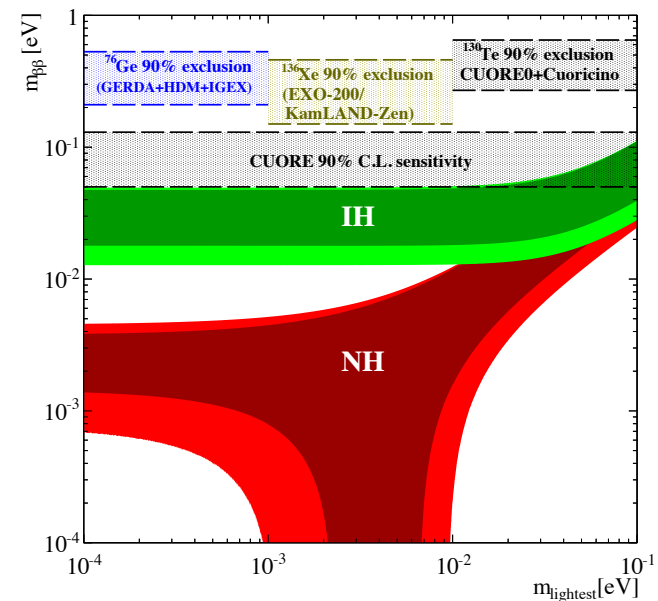
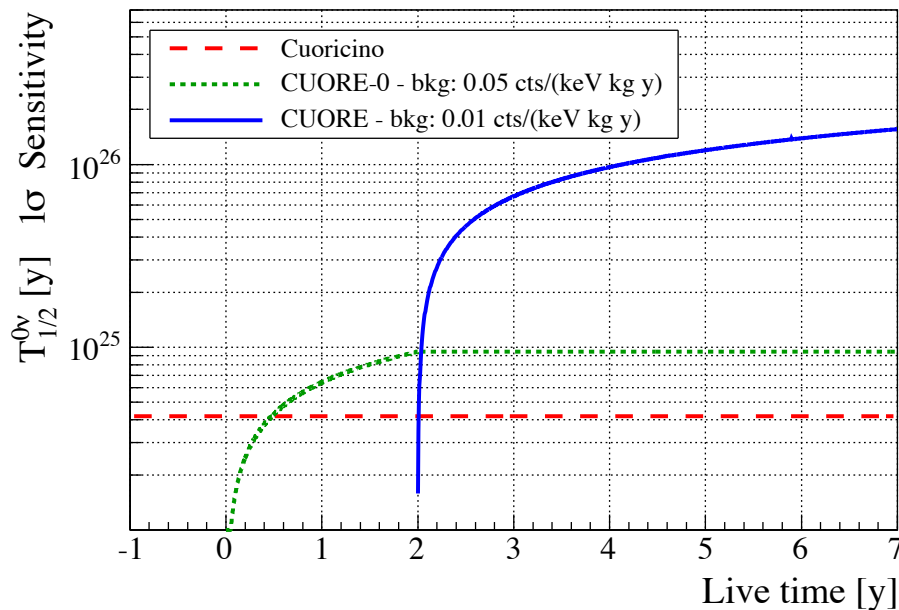
$$\Gamma^{0\nu\beta\beta}({}^{130}\text{Te}) < 0.25 \times 10^{-24} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta}({}^{130}\text{Te}) > 2.7 \times 10^{24} \text{ yr}$$

CUORE-0+Cuoricino limit:  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta}({}^{130}\text{Te}) > 4.0 \times 10^{24} \text{ yr}$  (90% C.L.)

# CUORE Status and Sensitivity

- Detector: all towers assembled, in underground storage
- Cryostat and dilution unit: commissioning, reached 6 mK base temperature
- Expect to start operations by the end of the year
- 5-year sensitivity:  $T_{1/2}(^{130}\text{Te}) > 9.5 \times 10^{25}$  years,  $m_{\beta\beta} < 52\text{-}120$  meV



# CUORE Upgrade with Particle ID (CUPID)

R. Artusa et al., Eur.Phys.J. **C74**, 3096 (2014)  
White papers: arXiv:1504.03599 & arXiv:1504.03612

- Next-generation bolometric tonne-scale experiment
- Based on the CUORE design, CUORE cryogenics
- 988 enriched (90%) crystals, PID with light detection

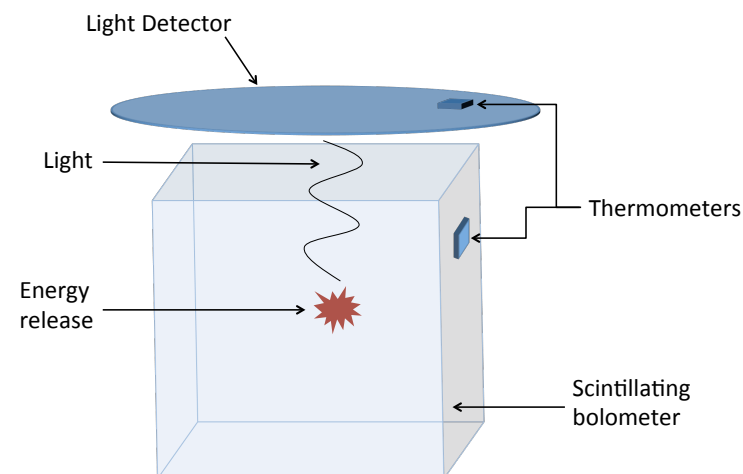
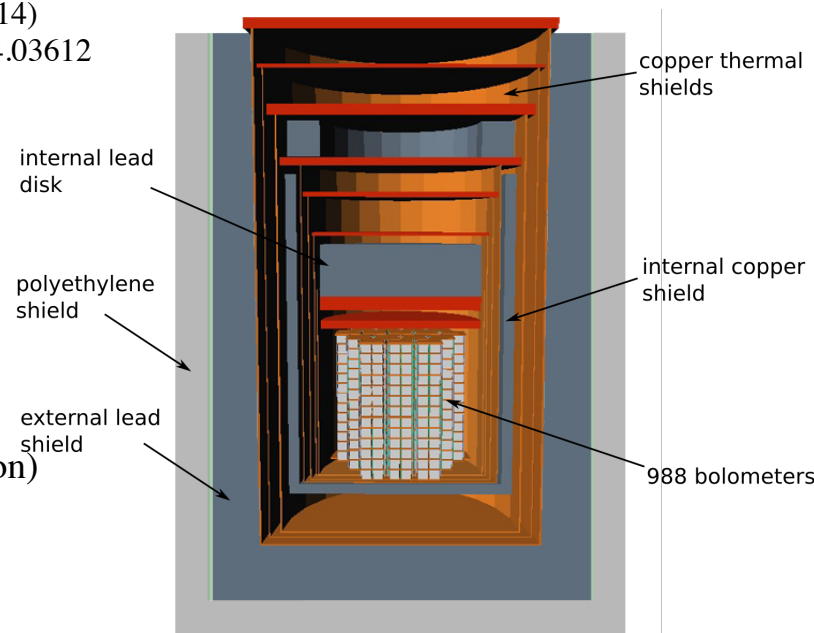
## □ 4 crystals considered:

- ☞  $\text{TeO}_2$  : phonons + Cherenkov detector
- ☞ Options:  $\text{ZnSe}$ ,  $\text{ZnMoO}_4$ ,  $\text{CdWO}_4$  (phonons+scintillation)

## • Sensitivity to entire IH region

- ☞ CUORE geometry and background model
- ☞ 99.9%  $\alpha$  rejection @ >90% signal efficiency
- ☞ 5 keV FWHM resolution
- ☞ **Challenge: nearly zero background measurement: (ton-year)**
- ☞ Half-life sensitivity  $(2-5) \times 10^{27}$  years in 10 years ( $3\sigma$ )
- ☞  $m_{\beta\beta}$  sensitivity 6-20 meV ( $3\sigma$ )

Subject of focused R&D effort in next 2-3 years





# $^{82}\text{Se}$ : SuperNEMO

- Thin foil with tracking and calorimeter, based on successful NEMO3 detector.
- Planar and modular design:  $\sim 100$  kg of enriched isotopes  
(20 modules  $\times$   $\sim 5$ -7 kg)
- Starting with single Demonstrator module, (7 kg of  $^{82}\text{Se}$ ) to show scalability
- $T_{0\nu 1/2} > 6.5 \times 10^{24} \text{ y} \rightarrow \langle m\nu \rangle < 0.20 - 0.40 \text{ eV} @ (90 \% \text{ C.L.})$
- SuperNEMO
  - 100 kg of  $^{82}\text{Se}$  running for 5 years
  - $T_{0\nu 1/2} > 1 \times 10^{26} \text{ y} (90 \% \text{ C.L.}) \langle m\nu \rangle < 40\text{-}100 \text{ meV}$
  - $T_{0\nu 1/2} = 2 \times 10^{25} \text{ y} (5\sigma)$

## Demonstrator (1 module):

**Source ( $40 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ )  $4 \times 3 \text{ m}^2$**

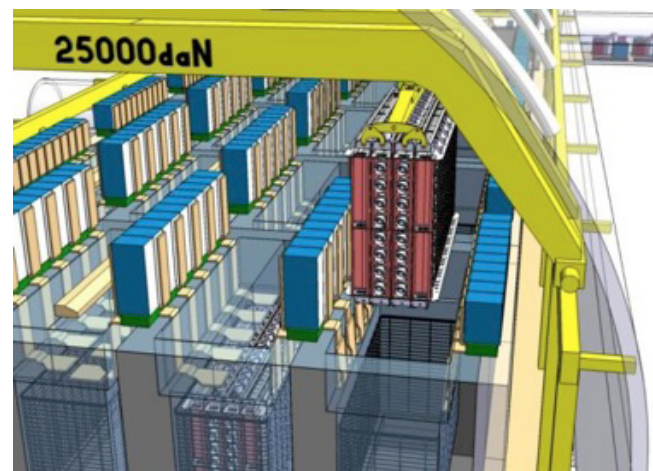
**Tracking : drift chamber  $\sim 2000$  cells in Geiger mode**

**Calorimeter: scintillators + PMTs**

**$\sim 550$  PMTs+scint. blocks**

**Passive water shield**

20 Modules 100 kg





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( $\sim 1 \text{ eV}$ )

$\sim \text{kg scale}$



Quasi-degenerate

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( $\sim 100 \text{ meV}$ )

30 - 200 kg

$\sim 8 \text{ expts}$

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Program to study multiple  $0\nu\beta\beta$  isotopes, using various techniques

200-500 kg scale

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Inverted hierarchy

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( $\sim 15 \text{ meV}$ )

tonne (phased)

$\sim 3 \text{ experiments}$

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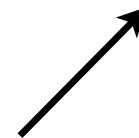


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$\sim$  tonne scale



If  $0\nu\beta\beta$   
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Normal  
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 $\sim 5$  meV  
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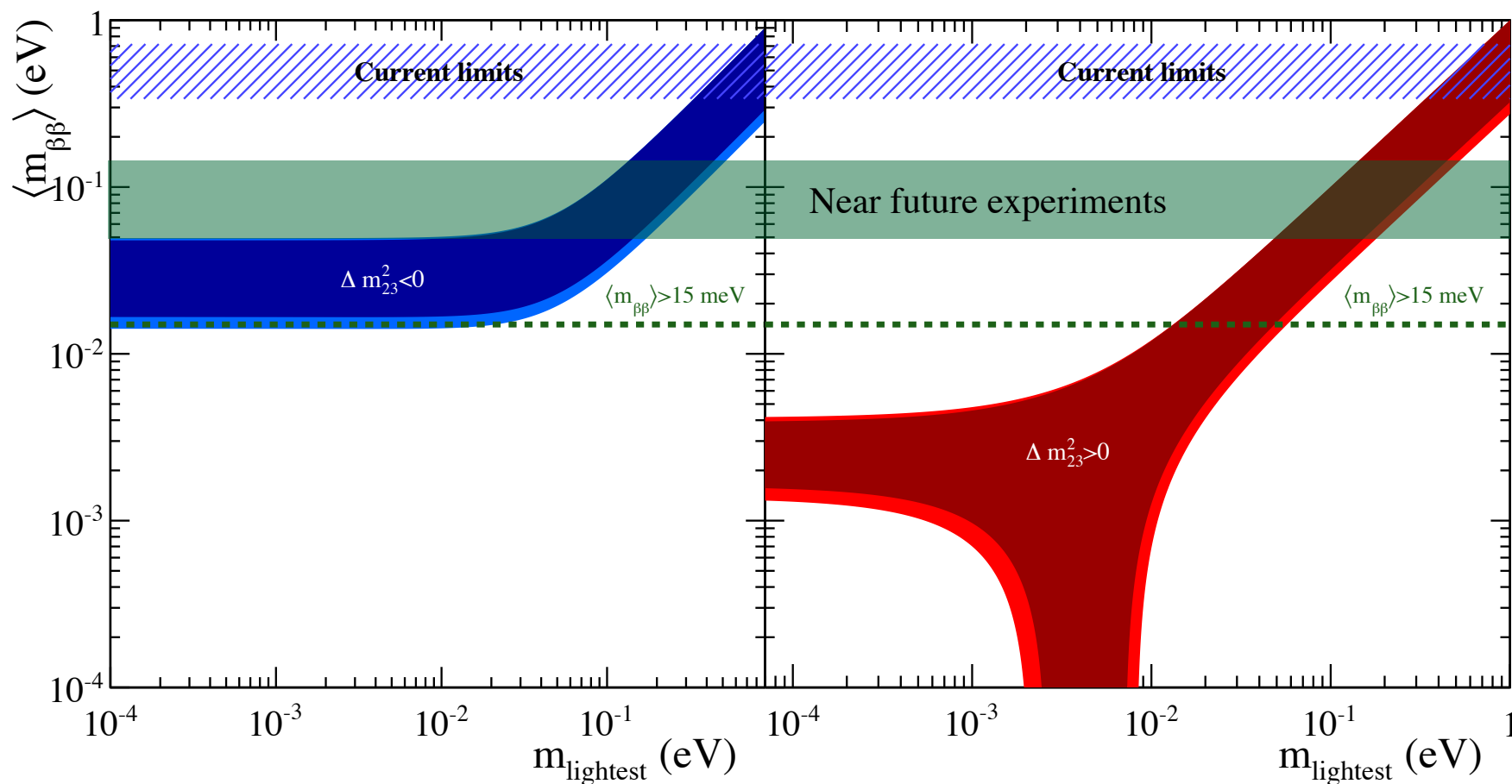
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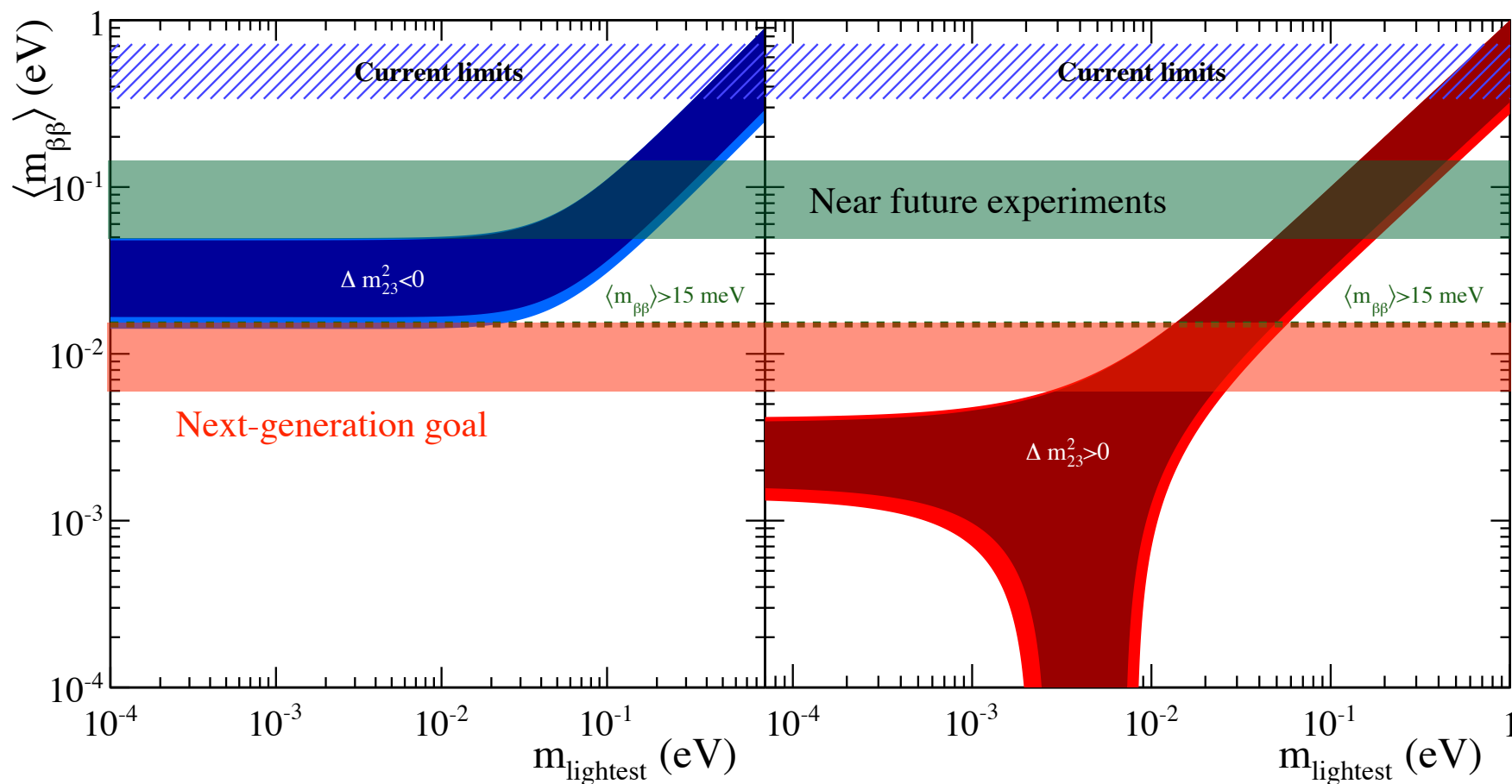
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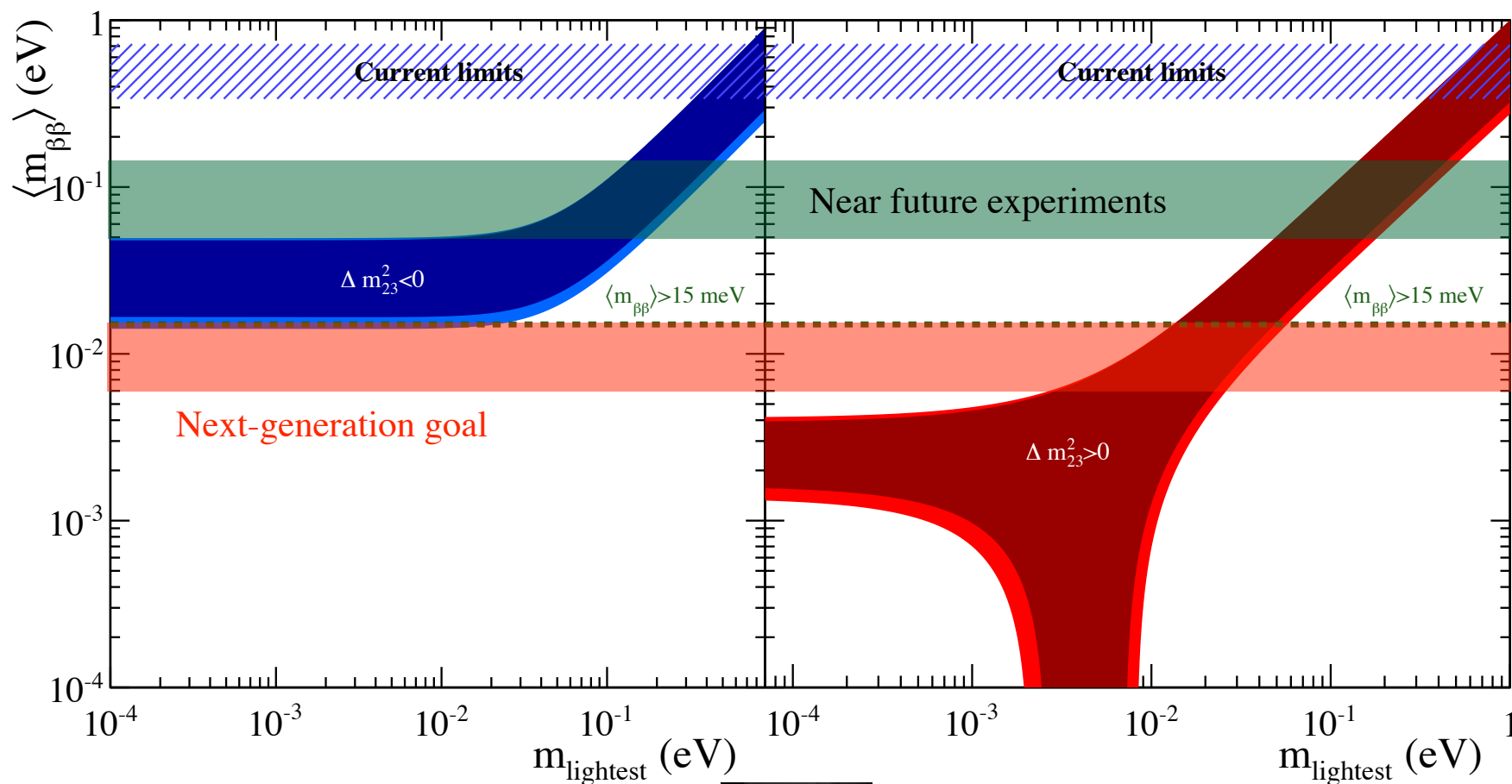
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Exciting future ahead !



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# Backup

# Possible Evidence: Klapdor et al

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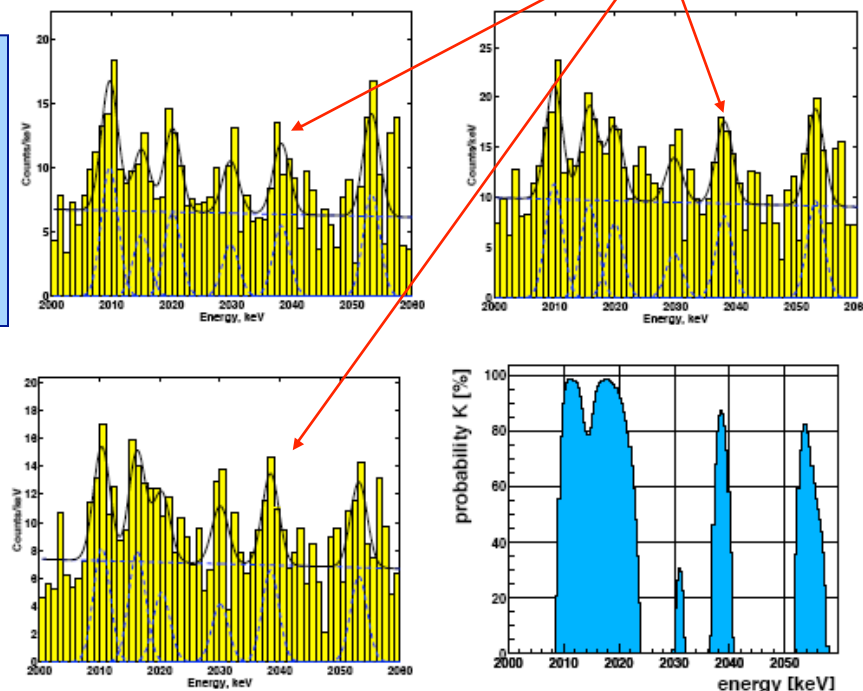
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4.2 $\sigma$  claim

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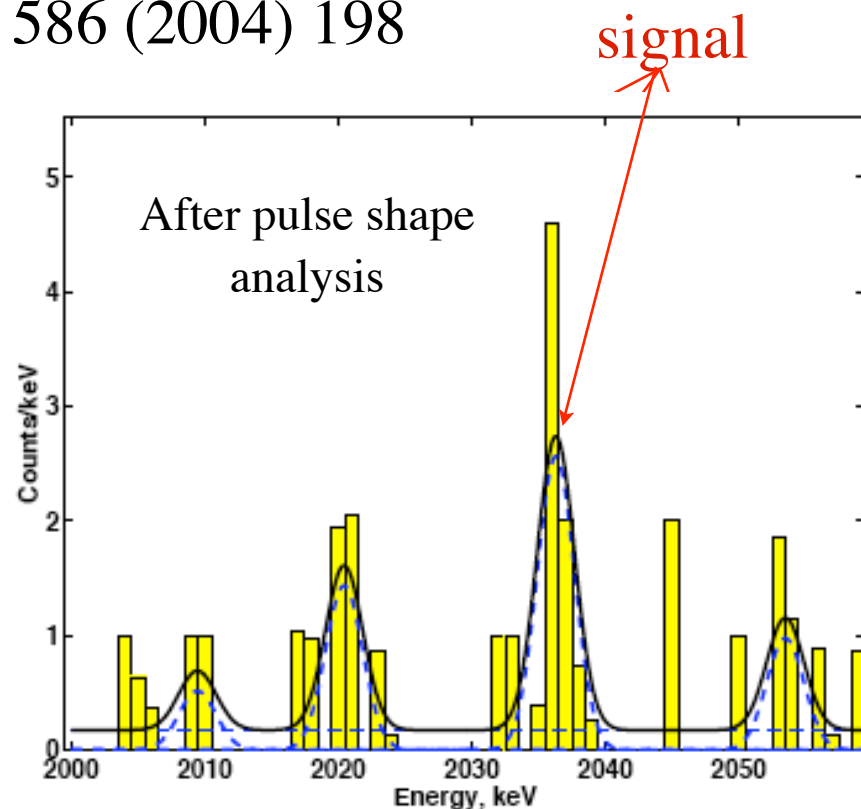


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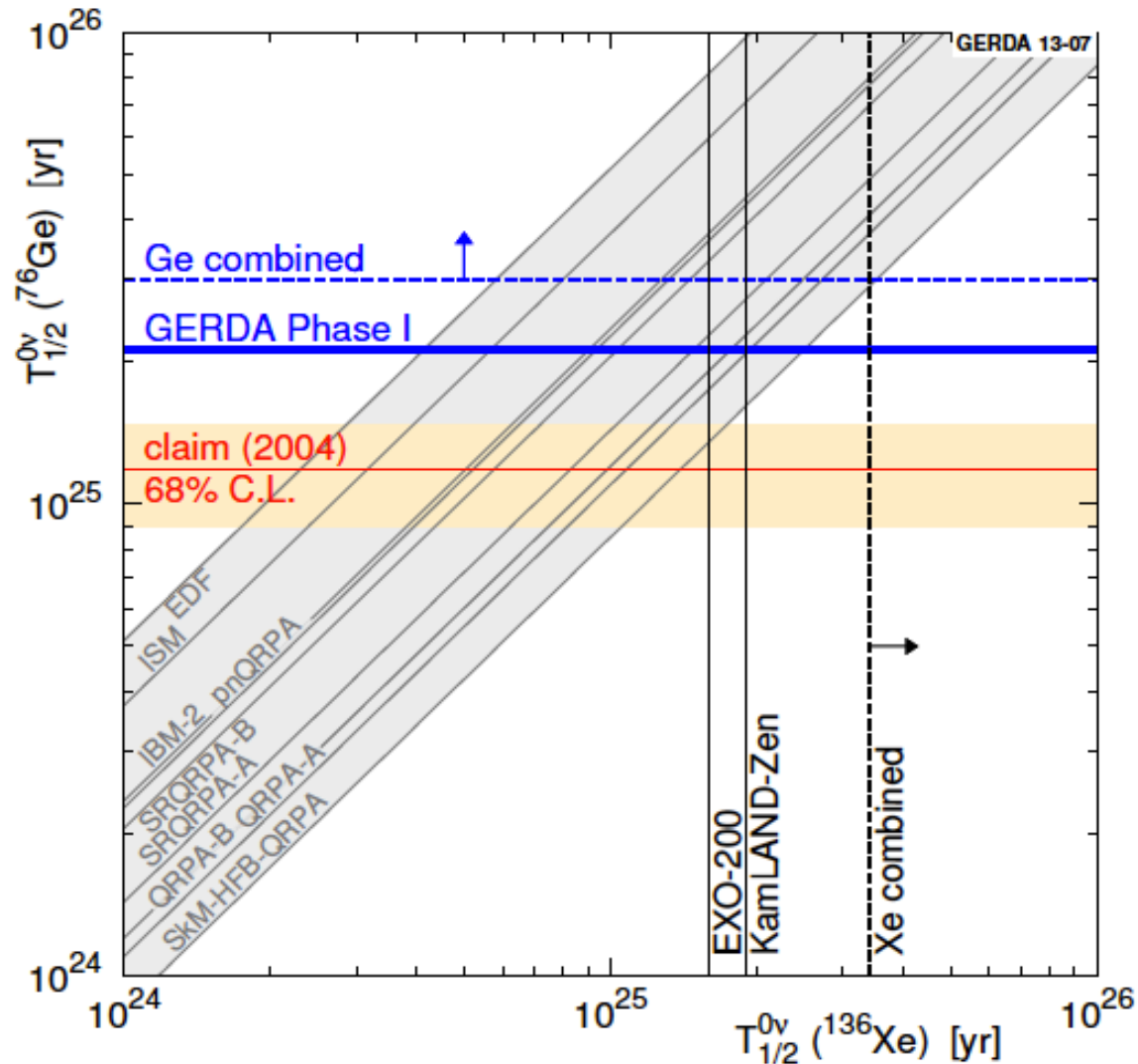
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# $^{76}\text{Ge}$ vs $^{136}\text{Xe}$

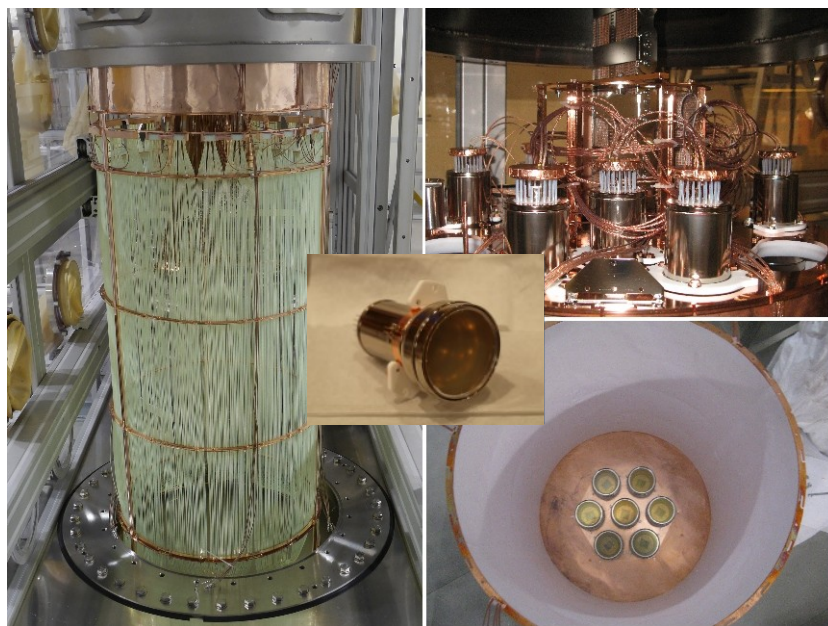
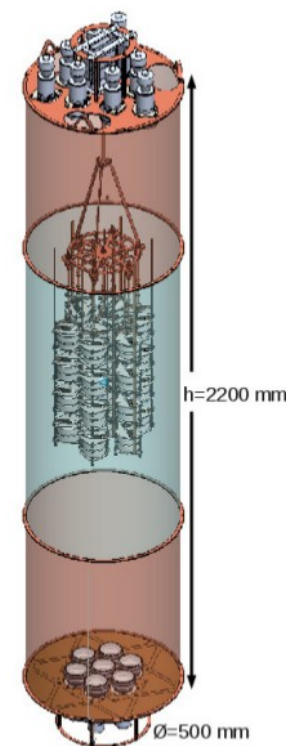


Diagonal lines represent different matrix element calculations.

GERDA Collaboration, arXiv:1307.4720

# Near Future: GERDA Phase II

- **Target:** push  $T_{1/2}$  sensitivity into the  $10^{26}$  yr range
  - Increase the exposure: 20 kg·yr  $\Rightarrow$  **100 kg·yr**
  - Reduce background:  $10^{-2}$  cts/keV·kg·yr  $\Rightarrow$   **$10^{-3}$  cts/keV·kg·yr**
- **Mass increase:** +30 enriched BEGe detectors
  - already produced (by CANBERRA) and tested (at HADES)
  - 5 already tested during Phase I



## ● $\times 10$ background reduction

- new HV and signal cabling with improved radiopurity and Rn emanation
- new FE electronics
- **PSA discrimination** with BEGe's
- **Liquid argon veto instrumentation** to detect scintillation light

# MJD Overview

- Assembly and construction proceeding at Sanford Davis Campus laboratory.
- Based on assays, material backgrounds projected to meet cleanliness goals.
- Module 1 complete.
- EF copper just completed at SURF and PNNL.
- Shield nearly complete.
- Successful reduction and refinement of  $^{enr}\text{Ge}$  with 98% yield.
- AMTEK (ORTEC) has produced 29.7 kg within 35 detectors from the reduced/refined  $^{enr}\text{Ge}$ . All are underground at SURF being assembled into strings.

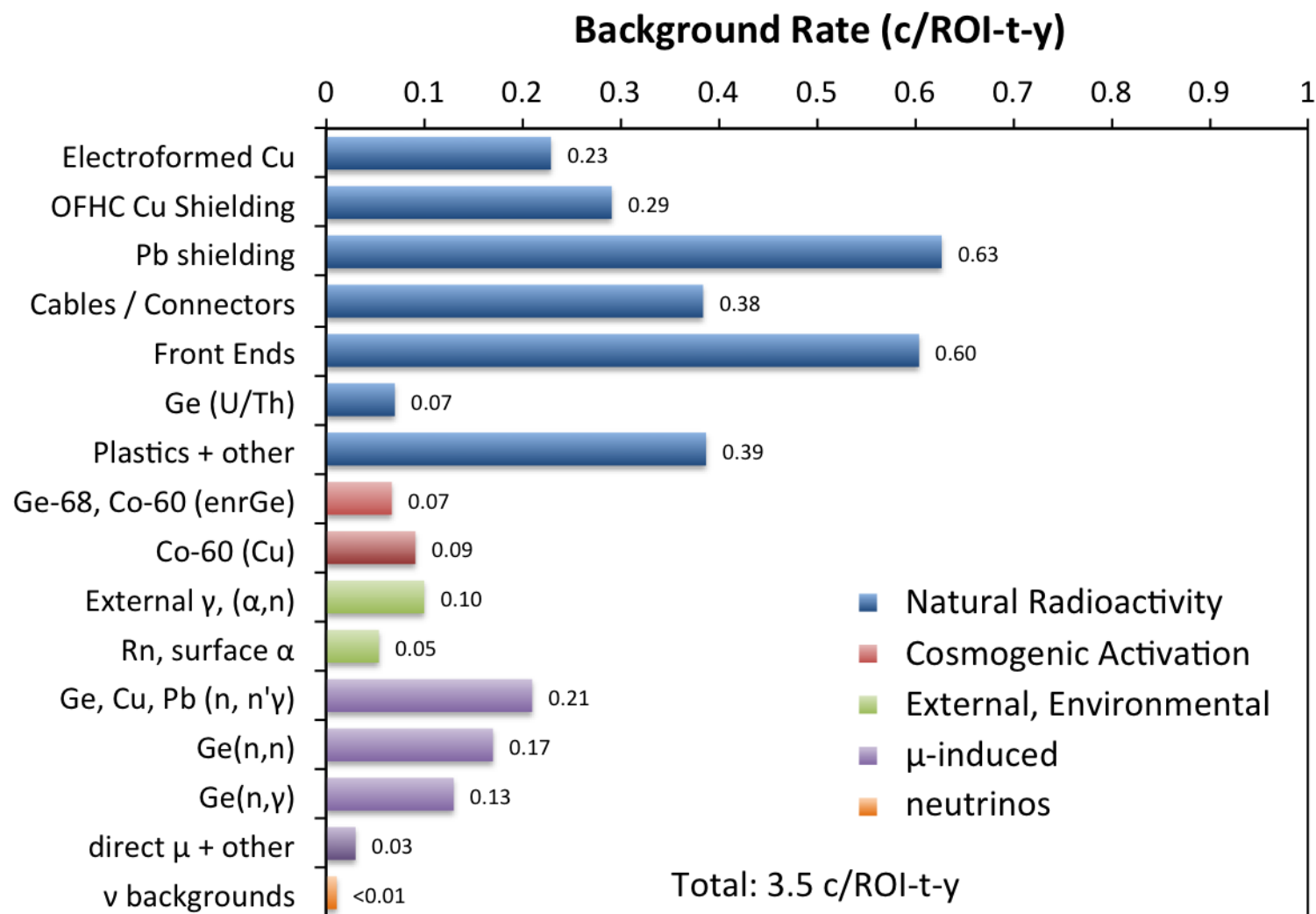
## Commissioning Schedule

- Prototype Cryostat: decommissioned
- Module 1 – May 2015, operating
- Module 2 – Late 2015



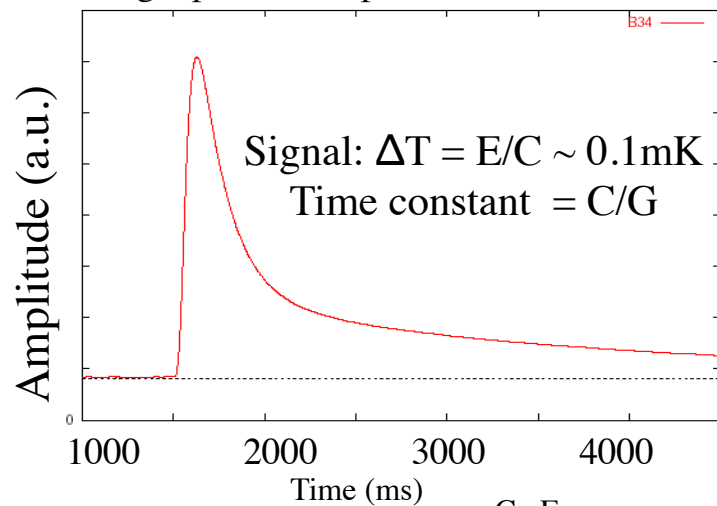


# MJD Projected Backgrounds



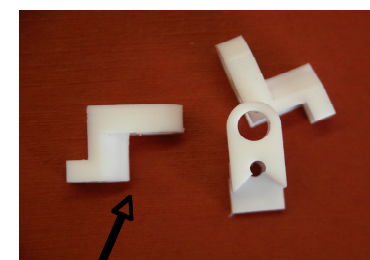
# Cryogenic Bolometers

Single pulse example

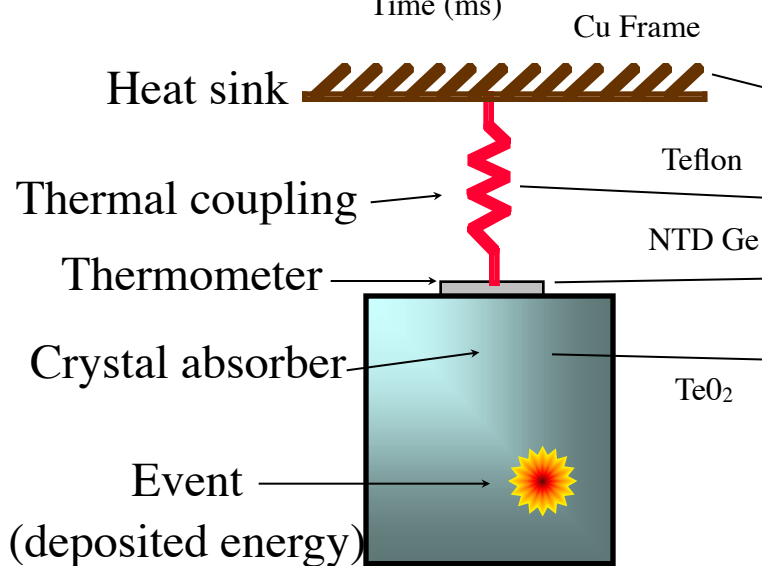
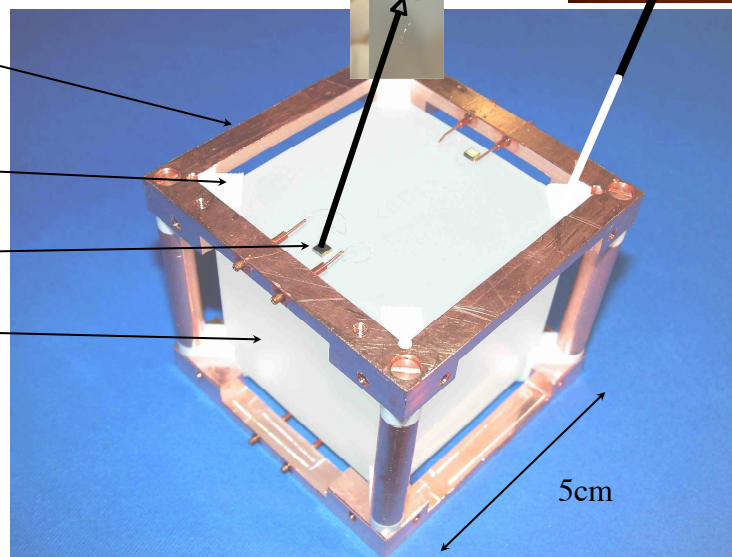


- Dielectric diamagnetic materials
- Low temperatures ( $\sim 10 \text{ mK}$ )
- Low heat capacity
  - $C \sim 2 \text{ nJ/K} = 1 \text{ MeV} / 0.1 \text{ mK}$

NTD Ge  
100-200  $\mu\text{V/MeV}$



$G = 4 \text{ pW/mK}$



# Cuoricino, the prototype for CUORE

Gran Sasso National Lab (Italy)

Bolometer detectors

Cooled to 10mK

11 modules, 4 detector each,  
crystal dimension:  $5 \times 5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3$

crystal mass: 790 g

$44 \times 0.79 = 34.76 \text{ kg of TeO}_2$

Encased in a cryostat, lead shield, nitrogen box, neutron shield, and Faraday cage

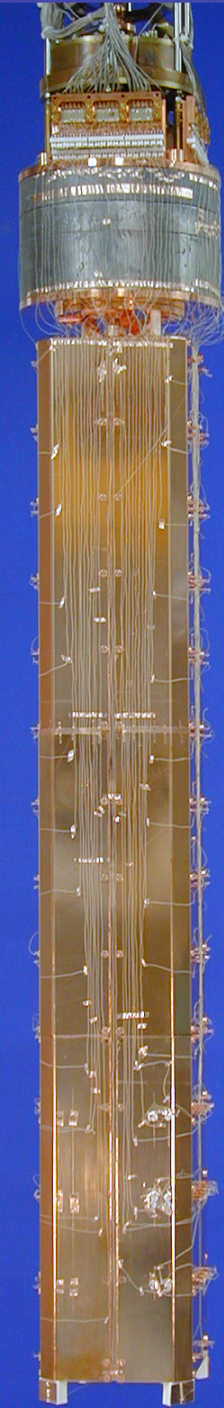
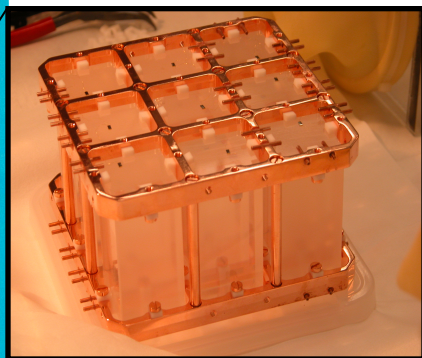
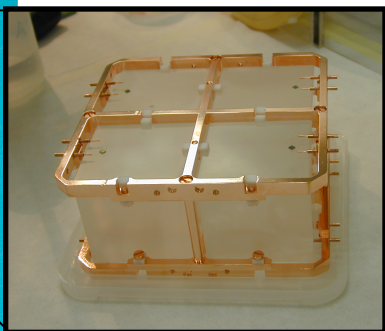
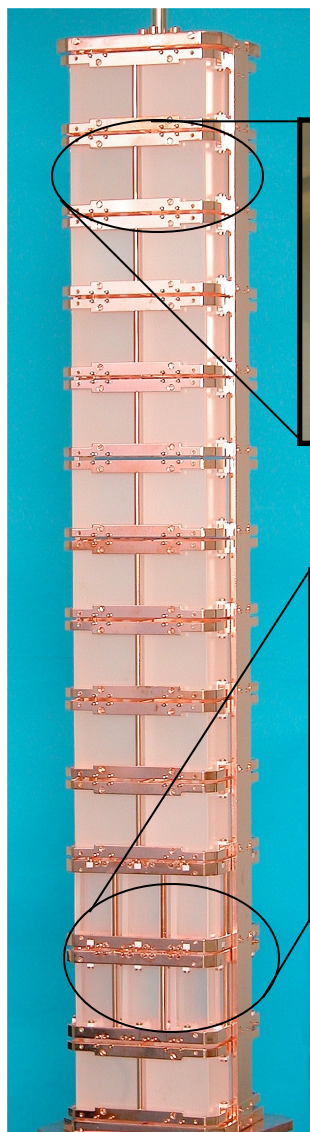
2 modules x 9 crystals each

crystal dimension:  $3 \times 3 \times 6 \text{ cm}^3$

crystal mass: 330 g

$18 \times 0.33 = 5.94 \text{ kg of TeO}_2$

Total detector mass:  $40.7 \text{ kg TeO}_2 \Rightarrow 11.34 \text{ kg } ^{130}\text{Te}$

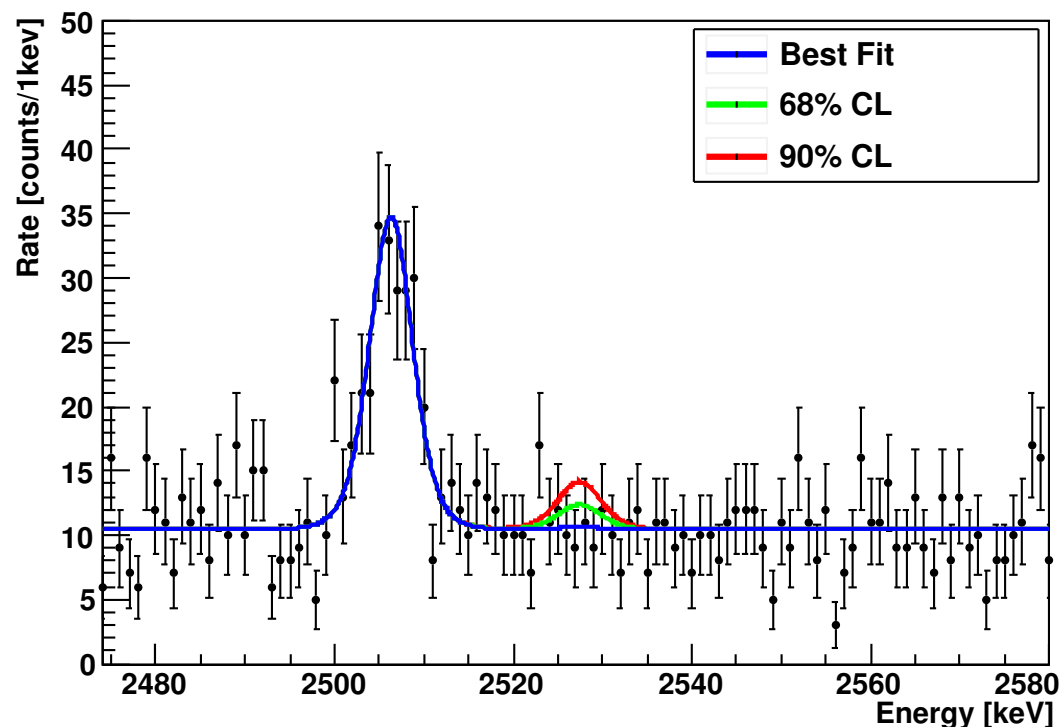


# Cuoricino Results (2010)

Exposure  
= 19.6 kg y

Resolution:  
FWHM at 2615 keV  $\sim 7$  keV

Background:  
In the  $\beta\beta 0\nu$  region (large crystals)  
=  $0.153 \pm 0.006$  counts / (keV kg y)



E. Andreotti et al., Astr. Phys. **34**, 822 (2011)

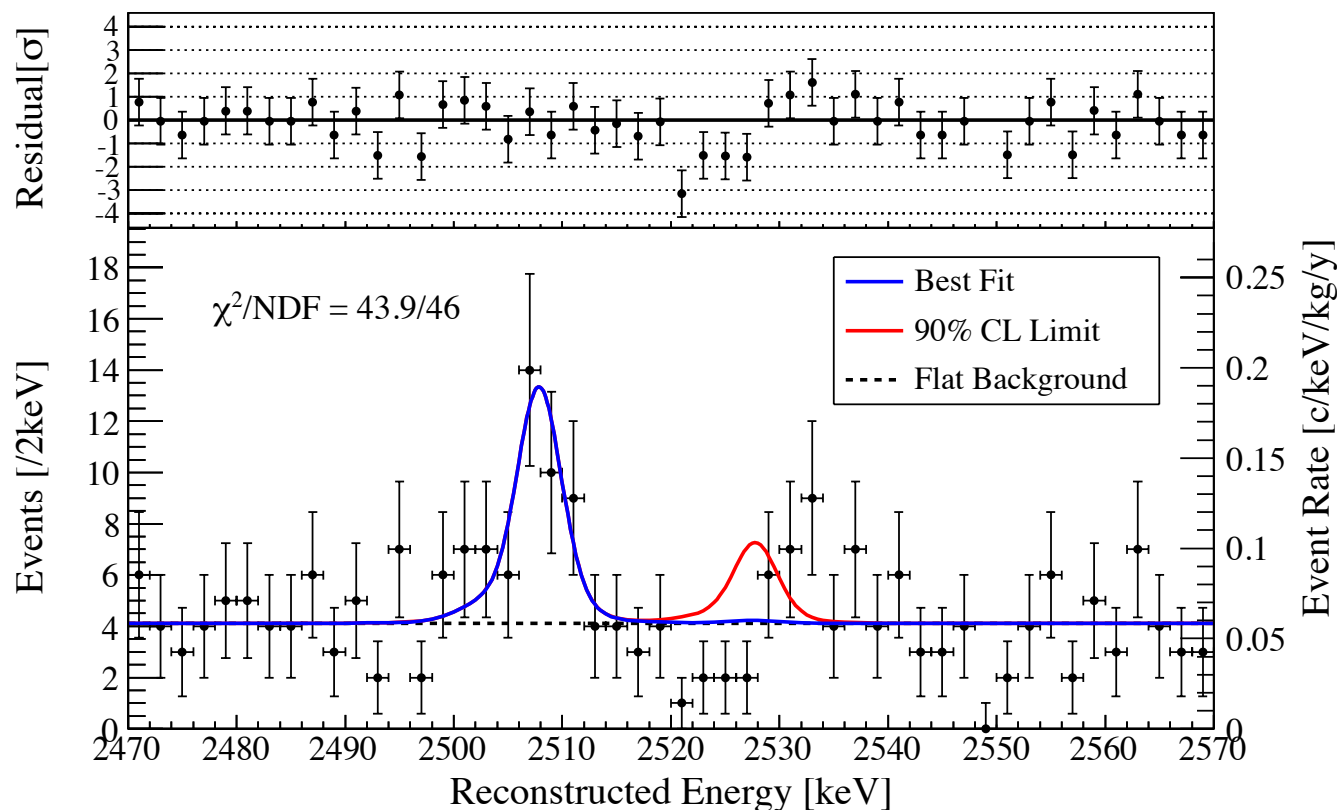
No peak found

$\tau^{0\nu}_{1/2} > 2.8 \times 10^{24}$  y at 90% C.L.

$m_{\beta\beta} < 0.3 - 0.7$  eV

Spread is due to a range of published matrix elements

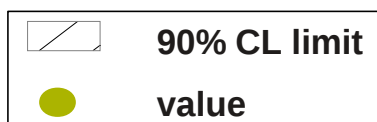
# CUORE-0 $0\nu\beta\beta$ Results



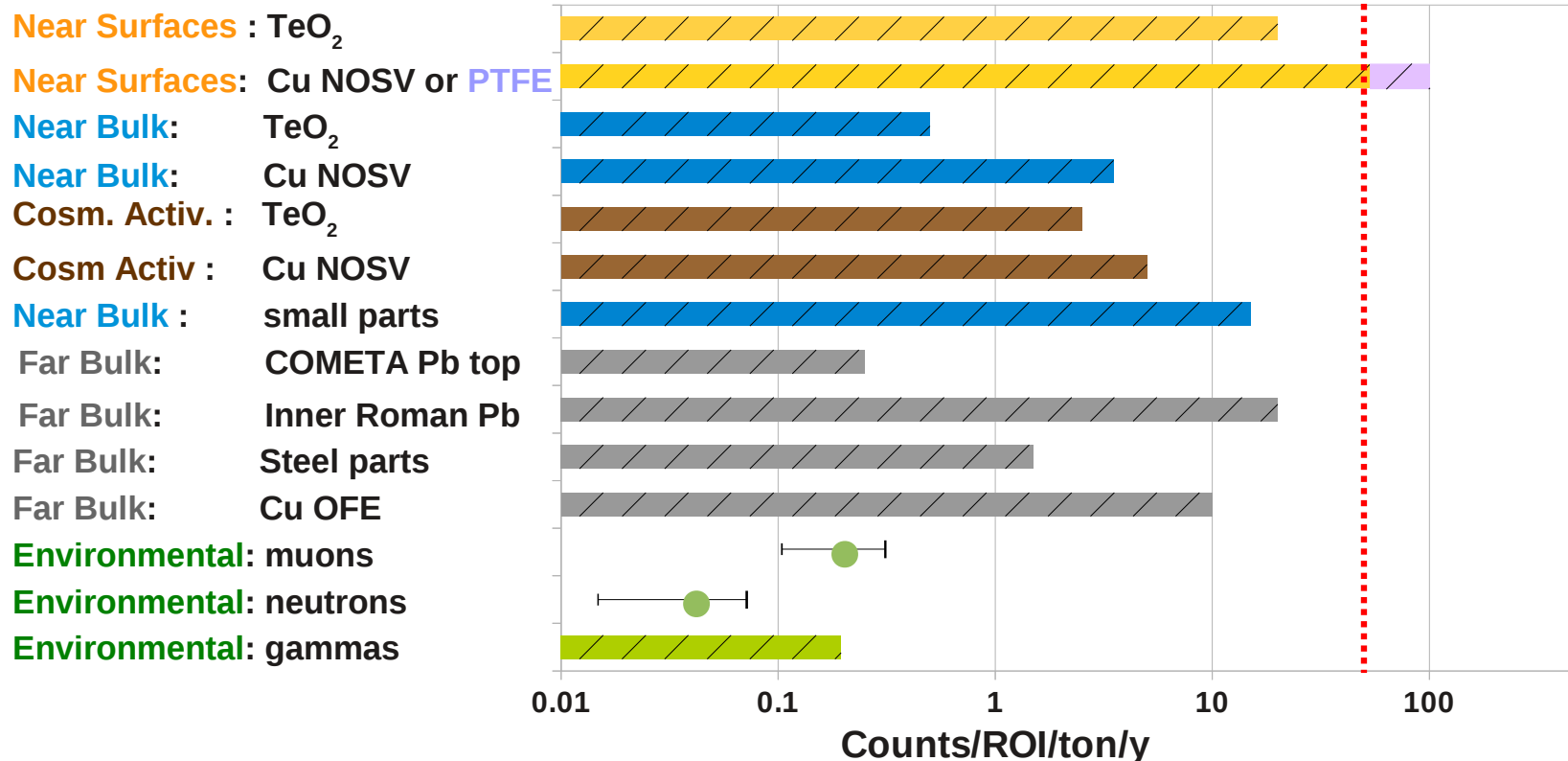
- We perform a simultaneous unbinned extended ML fit to range [2470, 2570] keV
- Fit function has three components:
  - Calibration-derived lineshape modeling posited  $0\nu\beta\beta$  peak fixed at 2527.5 keV
  - Calibration-derived lineshape modeling  $^{60}\text{Co}$  peak floated around 2505 keV
  - Continuum background

# CUORE Background Model

## CUORE Preliminary



**Bkg GOAL:**  
0.01 c/keV/kg/y

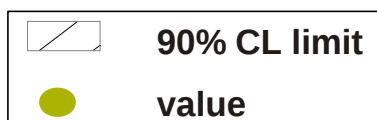


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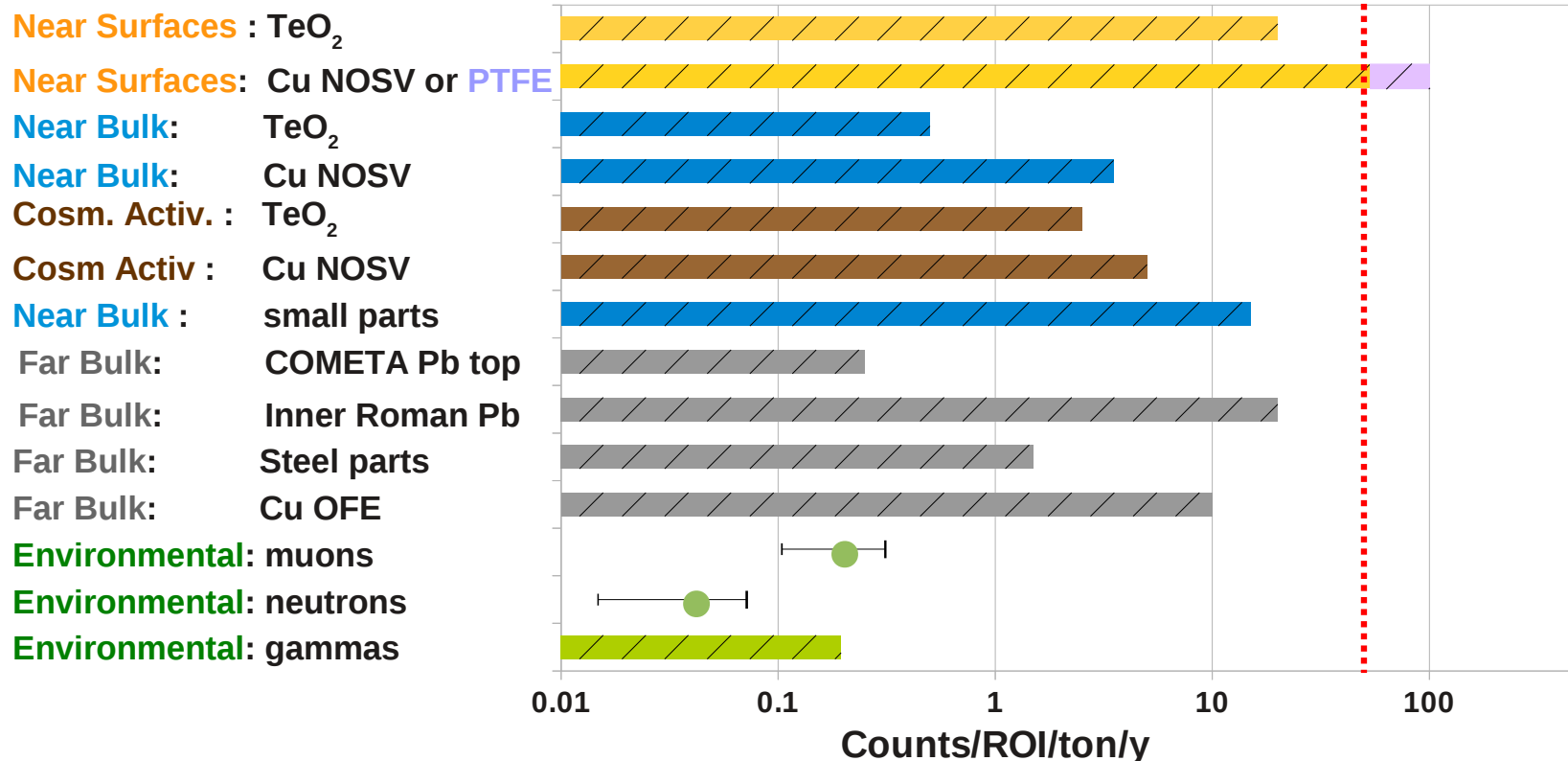


# CUORE Background Model

## CUORE Preliminary



**Bkg GOAL:**  
0.01 c/keV/kg/y

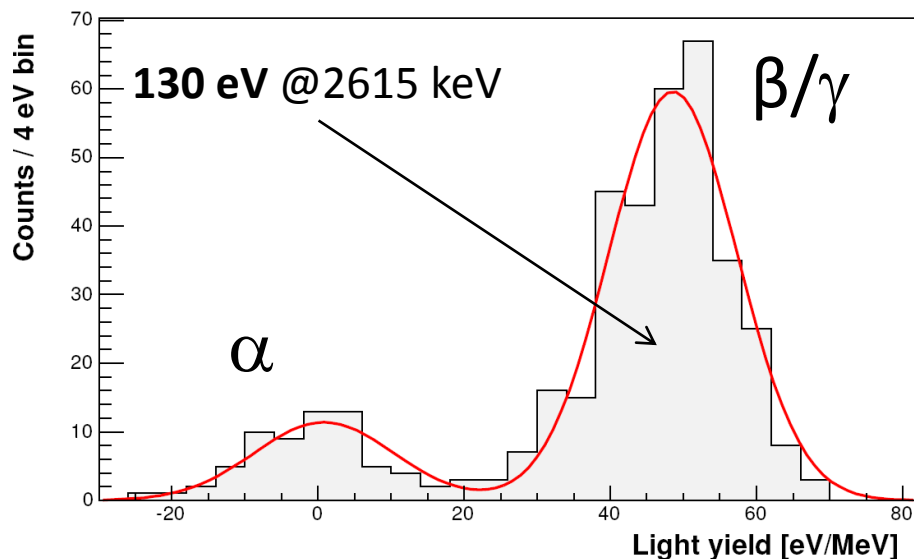
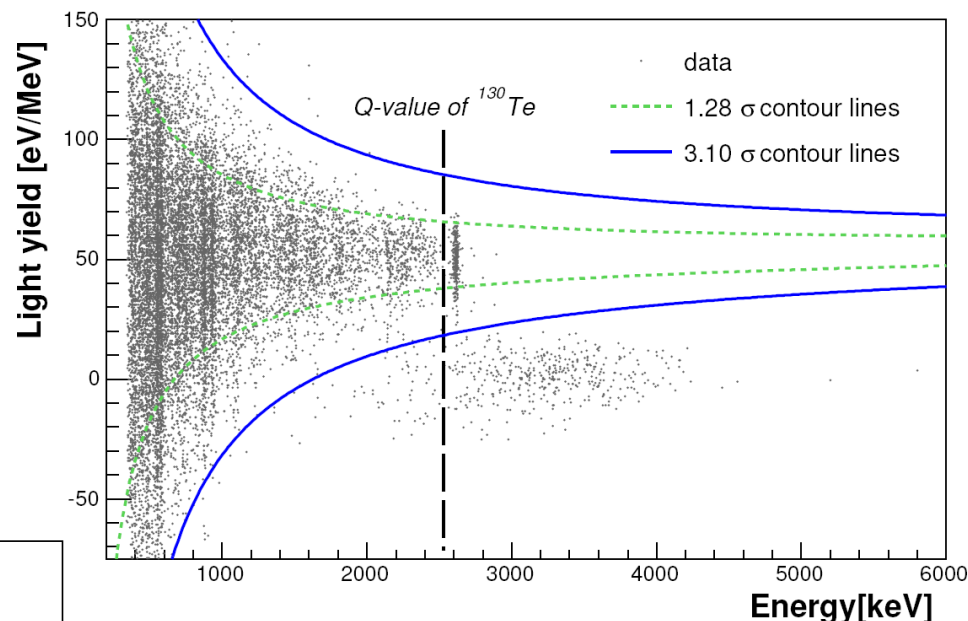
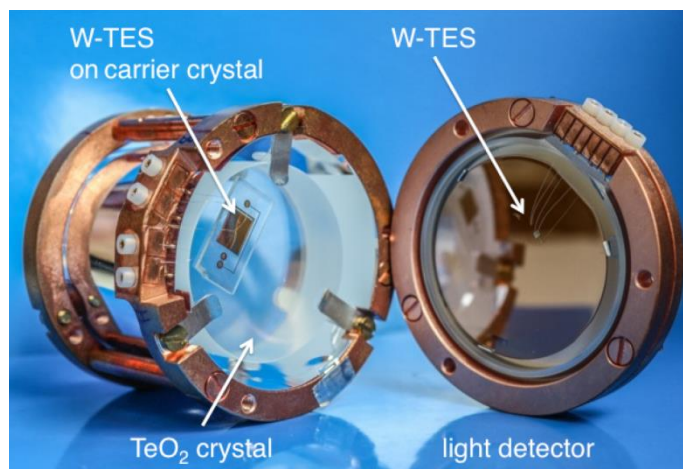


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**CUORE background goals now demonstrated**



# Cherenkov Detection in $\text{TeO}_2$

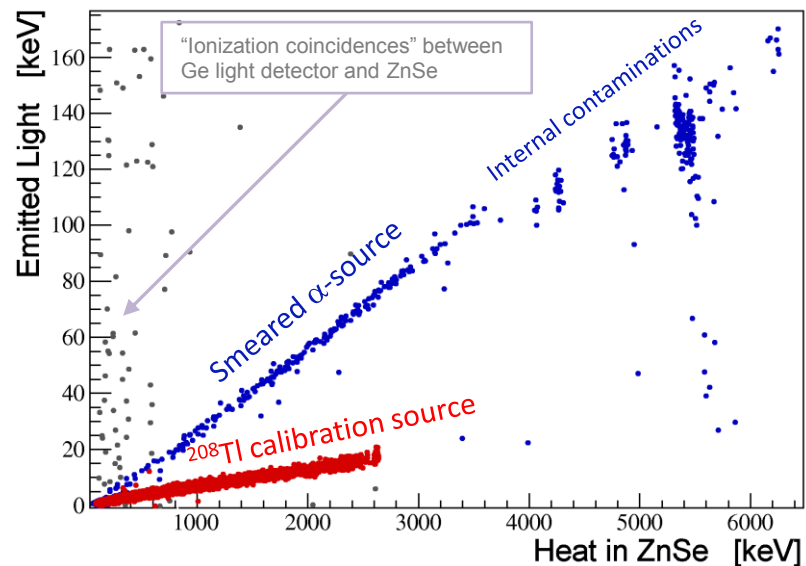
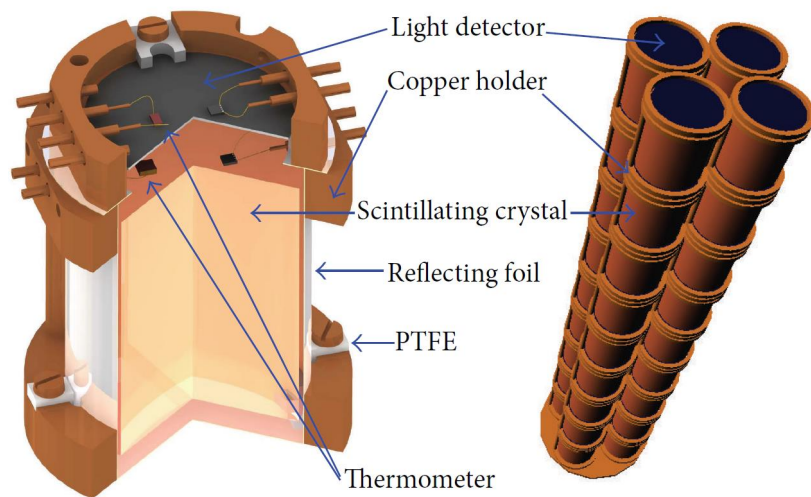


Event-by-event  $\alpha/\beta$  discrimination  
requires light detectors with  $\sim 15\text{-}20$  eV  
resolution  
TES-based light detectors: promising start  
CRESST/LUCIFER: W-based detectors  
US (Berkeley/Argonne): bilayer TES

K. Schaeffner et al, Astrop. Phys. 69, 30 (2015)

# Scintillating Bolometer R&D

## LUCIFER @ LNGS: $\text{Zn}^{82}\text{Se}$



## LUMINEU & LUCINEU: $\text{Zn}^{100}\text{MoO}_4$

